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For the Opening of the Public Schools Emancipation Celebration a Success Noted Young Lady Passes Away--Stirring Events of Much Interest.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.—The Emancipation Celebration held here on Aug. 8th was a success. About four thousand people were estimated to have attended. Miss May Metcalf, daughter of Rev. H. Metcalf expired the 15th after a lingering illness of many months. She was one of the best known young women in the city and had friends by the score. The funeral obsequies were held at St. John's church where she was a staunch member. The life of the deceased was so graphically portrayed that the congregation gave way to feelings of emotion. She leaves a host of friends and relatives to mourn her demise. The Freeman extends its sympathy to the bereaved parents. There is extensive preparation going on in behalf of the coming opening of the public schools, Sept. 3. They will comprise the following teachers, this season: Profs. R. L. Yancy and C. R. Johnson, Henry Lockert, Mary Boyd, Rosa Coleman, Fanny Hopewell, Lizzie Ramey, Susie Boyd, (nee Ramey) Mary Merry and Prof. Mrs. I. Watson. With its recent $4000 improvements the school offers better educational facilities than here-to-fore. A grand trolly party was given in honor of Miss Eureka Martin, of Nashville, Tenn., Misses Lucy Tisdale and Mary Vick, of Russelville, Ky., Aug., 11 under the auspices of Miss Jessie Dixon. The following young ladies were present: Misses Kate Ramey, Ella Robards, Clara Tucker, Bell Metcalf, Barbara Tucker, Mima Davis, Lucy Allen, Willie and Rosa Keese, Sophia Merriwether, Sallie Harrison and Callie Cage. After many solid hours of pleasure they retired to the residence of the hostess and indulged in revery and pastime. Mrs. Hurvey Cobb left recently to spend a fortnight's visit to distant friends. Misses Kate Ramey and Fanny Hopewell have returned from Good Hope Tenn., where they went to spend a few days of recreation visiting the picturesque scenes of the rural district. John Gorham departed for Baltimore Md., Friday Aug., 16 to attend the Catholic Seminary there. He will be absent six years and expects to return a full fledged priest. Mr. J. P. Steele has opened up a cozy and well equipped barber shop at 107 S. 1st. st. Mr. J. S. Smith has moved his stock of goods to his new building where he expects to command unlimited race patronage. Mr. W. D. Winn is erecting a new grocery store on ninth st. and expects to move there within sixty days. Owing to a "split" in the ranks of the G. O. P. Messrs. Wheeler, Keesee and Rogers lost out in the recent city elections. Jerry Proudy was only considered as a suppliment against his opponent, J. W. Wheeler, as he never dreamed of reaching the political goal. Bishop G. W. Clinton of Charlotte N. C, arrived in the city on Aug. 15th to fill an engagement at Zion A. M. E. church. Mr. Bailey Cobb is sojourning in Palmyra, Tenn N. R. Kimbrough left for Chicago Ill., Aug. 27, to stay two weeks, incognito. Miss Kate Ramey has taken the examination for a teachers certificate and if successful will not, likely, re-enter Fisk University, as a sophomore, this season. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill are the proud posessors of a bouncing baby girl. Rev. J. W. Luckett, the noted divine of Louisville Ky., has closed a series of campmeetings in the city. He pitched his gospel tent on College street two weeks ago, charging a nominal admission fee to defray expenses. He was successful in obtaining several converts during his stay. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Saunders gave a reception at their home on Main street Aug., 3, in which the cream of the elite society participated. Miss Sallie Harrison gave a swell croquet party at her home on Brandow's Hill, Aug. 15. Prof. Townsend who has been conducting the musical department at the Francis Rhoda school will depart from the city about Sept. 1, to attend a Medical School. Buckskin Bill's Wild West Show and Menagerie showed here on Aug., 18. Great crowds attended. When in the city get The Freeman and all the other leading papers from W. L. Johnson 106-1st street, who will be glad to see you.

Interesting Items.

Houston, Tex., Special,—The Harris County Republican Executive Committee, met at L. W. Greenly's office with J. W. Fallon and E. H. Williams as chairman and secretary, respectively. Several rural committeemen were present and the members who were absent were represented by proxy. Speeches along the line of harmony in party ranks and unanimity of action on the part of the Harris county delegation were made by Hon. Richard Allen, A. T. Lockett, Dr. W. H. Harrison, S. E. Tracy and R. L. Archer. These speeches met the approbation of the entire committee. Taking this meeting as a criterion, it seems that there will be harmony in the rank and file of the party as for as Harris county Republicans are concerned. At the conclusion of Mr. Tracy's speech he offered a resolution which was unanimously adopted. The meeting then adjourned subject to the call of the chairman. Secretary Williams speaking of the action of the committee said. "It was not the purpose of the county executive committee to ignore. Chairman Green's call, nor engender a spirit of hostility. The committee proposes to act in harmony with the State executive committee, recognizing its authority." Colored Barber's Union No. 133 held a meeting, and Mr. M. E. Pereault was elected President, and Mr. James Waters Vice-President. The Union met last Monday at the barber shop of Mr. Sam Wilson. A meeting was held at Mr. Albert Lewis' hall on Preston avenue at which members of the colored military company which served during the Spanish war as Co. I. Ninth immunes, re-organized as the Ferguson Rifles. There were 37 members at the meeting. The following officers were elected: E. O. Bowles, Captain; August J. Pereault, First Lieutenant; William J. Poe, Second Lieutenant; J. L. Jones was elected Chairman of the meeting and harmony captain and Henery C. Ferguson as father of the company. Another meeting was held last Friday night at the same place, selection of non-commissioned officers. Captain and Mrs. W. A. Strawder have moved out in the Second Ward on I. and G. N. Street near Mr. J. B. Bell's old grocery stand. Mr. James S. Green "our correspondent" visited the "Island City" a few days ago listening to the sad sea waves. Messrs. W. B. Gibson and W. H. Smith left for Galveston for there home to stay indefinitely. Mrs. Rosa Robbins who went to New Orleans to spend the summer is expected home in a few weeks. Read The Freeman and keep posted—for sale every Sunday at the corner of Main and Congress streets, and, is, also sold by Charles Demon on the streets every Sunday morning. Anyone wishing any news appearing in The Freeman will please notify our local correspondent, James S. Green, 512 Main street. James Grimes, a popular young man in the employe of the Capital Hotel bar-room had his face very badly disfigured by the explosion of a whisky barrel. Morris Wilson went to New Orleans to visit relatives. Read The Freeman. only 5 cents a copy. Sold on the streets by Charles Demon.

News of Special Mention.

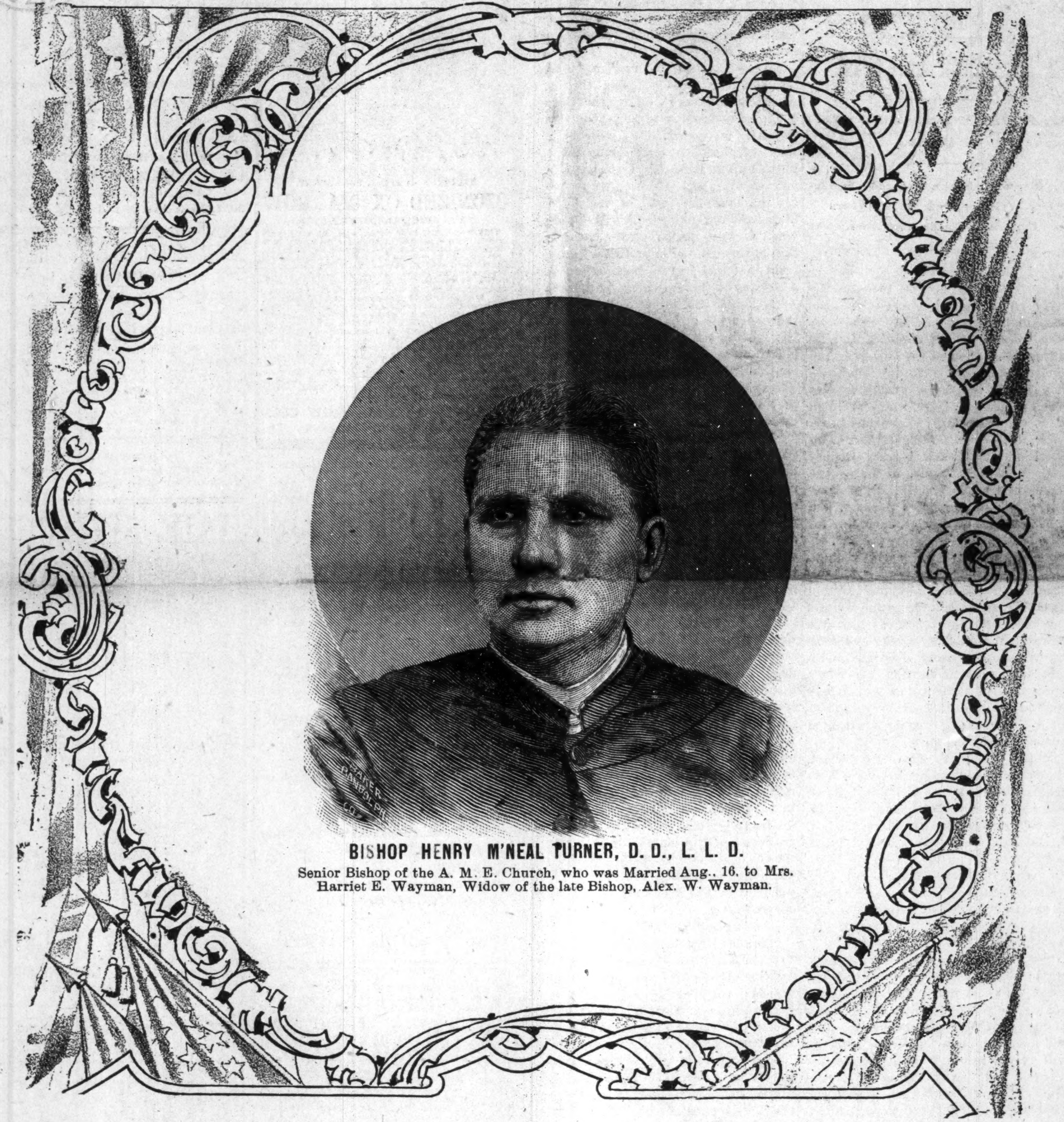
Nashville, Tenn., Special.—Nashville has recently lost by death two of her prominent citizens, Mr. Edward North and Mrs. J. I. Smith. The State Baptist and Sunday-school association has been in session in this city for more than a week. Much important legislation is being gone through with. Speeches are being made by many prominent Baptist laymen and elders from all over this state. Rev. J. I. Mason, pastor of Mount Zion Baptist church of this city is presiding over the association sessions. Nashville society despite the hot weather, is in full bloom, for on last Thursday evening at the residence of Miss Mary Battle on the Nolensville road, it looked as though all Nashville's fair women and handsome young men were out. The party left the residence of Mrs. J. W. Wyles on South Market street in the two fine tallyhoes selected for the occasion. At the house of Miss Battle every thing was in readiness for the occasion. After spending much of the evening in frolicking over the lawn, the party then returned to the parlors when dancing was indulged until a late hour. After spending much time at the tables in partaking of the rich delicacies, the party returned to their homes. Marcellus H. Freeman, Jr., the former representative of The Freeman in this city, has returned after a brief visit with relatives and friends in Franklin, Tenn.

News Items.

Henderson, Ky., special: The basket meeting given by the pastor and members of the First Baptist Church, at the Gospel Tabernacle, Sunday, was a decided success. Large crowds from adjoining towns were present and a cellection of $75 was raised. * * Mrs. Frances Gibson, of Evansville, last Sunday. * * Miss Ida B. Jordan entertained Aug. 9th, in honor of Mrs. L. P. Allen, of Nashville. A most delightful time was had by those in attendance. * * Mrs. Eliza Powell entertained Aug. 17th, in honor of visiting ladies, at her home on Ingram street. * * Mr. Henry Ware, an old and highly respected citizen, died Aug. 16th, after a lengthy illness, aged 64 years 7 months and 22 days. A number of children survive his decease. * * Miss Susie A. Browne has returned from her trip to Niagara Falls. * * Mrs. Rosa Coleman has returned to her home in Louisville, after a pleasant visit to her daughter, Mrs. Emma C. Browne. * * Miss Lucy B. Carey entertained a few ladies Aug. 16th, complimentary to her guest, Miss Alice Owens, of Louisville. * * Miss Viola R. Cabell has returned from a visit to relatives in Chicago, Ill. * * Mr. John Ware, of Hot Springs, Virginia, is visiting relatives here. * * Misses Lida Thompson, Gertie Berry and Bessie Austin, of Evansville, were guests of Miss Virginia Alves, Aug. 12th. * * Miss Mary Williams has returned from Owensboro. * * Mrs. Millie Sprow is visiting friends in Louisville, Ky. * * Mrs. Arie Taylor, of Evansville, Ind., spent Sunday, Aug. 19th, in the city.

Can't do With Out it.

Dayton, Miss., July 16, 1900.
Editor The Freeman—Enclosed find $1.00 for the greatest Negro Journal on earth. I can not do with out it. R. Williams.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Senior Bishop of the A. M. E. Church, who was Married Aug., 16, to Mrs. Harriet E. Wayman, Widow of the late Bishop, Alex. W. Wayman.

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SENDS FORTH ITS WEEKLY, INTERESTING NEWS BUDGET

LARGE NUMBER OF ENTHUSIASTIC

Excursionists Take a Delightful Trip To the Windy City--Entertainment for the Benefit of Visitors, a Grand Success--Freeman In Demand.

Paducah, Ky., Special.—Mr. Abe Harris of 813 Husbon street was shot accidently by Mr. Jessie Wilson, but he is improving. Miss Johnnie Williams of 439 South Eighth street, entertained Miss Ethel Mitchell of Hopkinsville, Ky., and Mrs. Lizzie Fitch of Paris, Tenn., also a host of her city friends on the evening of the 8th. Miss Ada Downs of Muncie, Ind., is in the city visiting relatives. Mr. John Hase on North Eighth street, is on the sick list. The young folks of Metropolis, Ill., entertained Miss Mamie Brooks of this city on last Wednesday night to a hayride party which was greatly enjoyed by all present. Miss Brooks is expected home in a few days. I wonder why the Cairo, Ill., base ball club could not be found on last Sunday when the Paducah Oak Halls were down there? Come up boys. Mr. Charlie Calbert of Princeton, Ky., passed through the city en route home from Chicago where he went on the excursion run from here last Tuesday. Mr. Tom Galbreath passed through the city last Saturday en route home from Springfield, Ill. He was looking well. Mr. Clarence Lyden of Cairo, Ill., came up to assist in the two games of base ball between the Nashvilles and the Paducahs. Please pay the agent for your paper as he is compelled to turn the same to the office. Mrs. Roland Curride and daughter, Ida, left last Friday on a visit to relatives in Princeton, Ky., for several weeks, There was a delightful entertainment given at the Eureka Park last Friday evening from 3 until 11 o'clock for the benefit of visitors in the city under the management of E. W. Brown; quite a crowd was out and everybody enjoyed themselves to the highest. lunch was spread at 9 o'clock, everybody left for home at 11:30 and only wishes for another at an early date. Miss Georgia Brownis of North Eighth street is on the sick list. Cairo has run a great many excursions to different points for the last past week. St. Louis, Terre Haute, Memphis and the last and most delightful trip to Chicago which was the largest of all, carrying about five or six hundred people. This excursion was free for all that wished to go, it left last Tuesday, 14 at 5:20 for a long trip of 10 days allowing the many friends to have ample time to see their friends who have been gone for some time. Among some of those that went were Granville Childs, proprietor of the Harlem saloon; W. T. Scott, Robert Hill, Bert Stephens, Miss Lyda Noonan, Mrs. Hannah Stephens and daughter, Miss Alma Lowe and others which, if I had space enough I might be able to tell you in full. Mrs. Lila Bell of Evansville, Ind., formerly Lila Anderson, is visiting her father, Charles Anderson, the barber. We many friends are glad to see her. Miss Gertrude V. Jenkins of Cairo, Ill., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Givens of South Seventh street.

Interesting News.

Zanesville, O., special: Miss Juda Hocke, of Danville, Ky., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Rice Barnett * * Miss Martha Ruggs has returned from Troy, O. She was re-elected State Recorder of H. of H. * * Mrs. Bruce returned Friday evening. * * A lecture was given Monday evening at Union Baptist Church by I. H. Stephenson. Subject: "Crispus Attacks." * * Mrs. Hannah Tibbs was in Lancaster Sunday. * * Mrs. Brooks Jackson, of Fair Oaks, who has been very ill, is improving slowly. * * Mrs. Charles Bird has returned to her home in Detroit, Mich. * * James Blackwell, of Eighth street, has purchased a house on Gilbert street, from Mrs. Charles Bird, of Detroit. * * Mrs. Jos. Mitchell was better Saturday. * * Mr. Ernest Moorehead is ill. * * Messrs. George Qualls, William Bolden, William Leach and Jos. Guy were in Columbus, attending conclave last week. John Hargraves was elected Grand Senior Warden; William Hinnicut, Deputy Grand Master; Joseph Barnett, Grand Standard-Bearer, and James Guy, Grand Treasurer. N. D. Cavender was in Renville, O., last week.

TOM THE TATTLER,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

The "Wedding of the Ham and the Eggs" would be a good title for a song.

If some of our preachers here were paid according to the sermons they deliver, they would be drawing a salary of about two dollars and fifty cents a week. What we need is less of the dull, prosaic sleep producing sermons.

Some peoples' religion seems to cling to their Sunday clothes. When these are neatly packed away their religion goes with them, not to be donned until the next Sabbath.

"Oh! what the devil do I care, its only a 'Nigger' paper." This contemptible remark, issued from the lips of one of our professional young men simply because he read something in the FREEMAN that did not suit his benighted fancy. When he said it he had his hat setting back on his head, while through the holes of his nostrils he was blowing away his brains, mingled with the smoke of a cigarette.

After he delivered himself of this remark he quitted headquarters, and, as I watched him, he repaired to a policy shop, then went through the alley in which the shop is located, and was lost in the interminable outlay of "bums" and the demi-monde that infest the alley.

About two hours after that he was doing a sidewalk turn in front of one of State street's disreputable resorts.

It is such Negroes as this one that add fuel to the flame of prejudice and keep it burning. He has a contract with one of our big companies. Just imagine the harm he alone will do the race this ensuing season.

I learn the Hottest Coon in Dixie company are still singing those two antiquated songs, "Miss Virginia" and "I'd Like to Hear that Song Again." If they play here this season and use those songs they are liable to arrest for disturbing the dead.

When one looks carefully into the habits which persons have of nicknaming their comrades it shows a close scrutiny of the ingredients that go to make up character. Nicknames are generally the salient features of a person's being. A person's parents may name him Tommy White, but it is not hard to see the reason why his comrades call him "Pork Chop Tommy," in preference to the name his parents gave him.

After considerable ferreting around I have gleaned a few nicknames of persons here in town, or who at some time have been here. These names, as a rule, show or suggest the reason a person's real name is displaced and the nickname is used.

These names are all bona fide, and so well known are some of the parties by them that were you to use their real name in inquiring for them the chances are you would never find them. Fancy some one looking for John Boyd—what a time he would have finding him when, if he had asked for "Natural Gas," almost any one he met could have informed him concerning him. Some of the nicknames are very amusing too. There is "Silk Dress Sally," who bears this partially alliterative nickname owing to her unquenchable penchant for dresses of silk and satin.

Among the nicknames are one of the Presidents. We have a "Garfield" here. He may not be familiar with any of the problems of statecraft, but knows as well as any man in town the grade of whisky in every saloon from the river to Englewood.

And maybe our "Oom Paul" is not a quiet, determined-looking personage who, though he be colored, much resembles Kruger.

We have all kinds of Jimmies; "Bad Jimmy," "Ragtime Jimmie," "Jack-Pot Jimmy;" also "Wineroom Johnny," "Mush," "Squabbler" and "Kissing Bug."

The body is represented by "Horsehead Harris," "Nubby-toed Frank" and "Sugar-foot." To me this last name is quite puzzling. Whether the person really has feet or a foot suggestive of saccharine matter is more than I can say. I must not overlook the "Brute." The gentleman in question, although large and of a burly build, is by no means absent of all the attributes which are ascribed to humanity. "Shakespeare," among the gentleman who take delight in speculating on uncertainties, has a different meaning than the bard of Stratford-on-Avon.

Among the nicknames I also notice some splendid examples of antithesis. "Handsome Harry" is as ugly as one of the Gorgons, who, by their ugliness, could convert people into stone. "Vanderbilt" is anything but one of the world's great financiers. The last time I saw him his trousers looked as though they contained every kind of cloth, in the shape of patches, known to tailoring.

The following figures represent the capital of the manager of the Coontown 400 company: $000,000.

Chas. J. Ross' knowledge of music does not extend beyond a few bars. When he reaches these he rests so long that it is impossible for him to continue further.

Our picnics have ceased to be occasions of disaster. To hear of one nowadays being killed at a picnic would be a strange piece of news.

One or two of our shows have violated the age limit in the hiring of some of its members.

One peculiar thing about every contract is that it always begins with "Con."

TOM THE TATTLER.

A Republican Love-Feast.

GOV. MOUNT AND MR. LANDIS THE ORATORS.

The City of Lebanon Accords a Generous Welcome, and the Speakers Command Strict Attention.

[From The Indianapolis News.]

LEBANON, IND., August 16.—The Republicans of Boone county opened the campain here, last night, with a love-feast, notable for its speakers and its enthusiasm. Besides the Governor and Congressman Landis, whose home district this is, the State officers present were: William H. Hart, Auditor; Union B. Hunt, Secretary; Leopold Levy, Treasurer; John C. Wingate' Tax Commissioner, and Frank Martin Deputy Auditor; Alva O. Reser, of Lafayette, Representative; J. H. Barlow, of Danville, candidate for joint Senator, and B. F. Johnson, of Fowler, candidate for State Statistician, were also present.

The city was filled early with visitors. A band and the local zouave company formed in line, and in double column the Governor, State officers and visitors marched to the opera house, which was packed to the gallery. Stage and auditorium were lavishly decorated with flags, pictures and bunting. It was a representative audience, in which both Republicans and Democrats were present. There was a liberal sprinkling of women in the gathering.

On the stage with the Congressman, State officers and candidates, were F. C. Reagan, chairman of the feast; C. N. Beamer, of Zionsville, county chairman; R. W. Harrison, O. P. Mahan, Col. A. O. Miller, C. H. Martin and Capt. Noah Loughrun.

GOV. MOUNT INTRODUCED.

After formal introductions, Governor Mount was presented to the audience. He was received with applause. He said, in part:

"Four years ago business was paralyzed, labor was unemployed, and the country was in the midst of financial panic and distress. Mr. Bryan said this country can have no prosperity, labor will not be employed, prices of products will grow lower and lower, because the price of products go up as silver goes up, and down as silver goes down. There can never be a return of prosperity to this country until silver is remonetized—until the mints are opened to the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1."

"On the other hand, Mr. McKinley said, 'Open the factories and the shops; give employment to American labor, and you will have a return of prosperity; let us have honest money, let us establish a sound financial basis, let us defend the national credit and give employment to American labor, and we will have prosperity.' Which of these men drew a true policy? We have passed through an era of prosperity unmatched in the annals of this country; we have seen labor employed and prices advanced our commerce extended, and we find to-day the productive energy of this country never has been so well employed as at the present time. Our exports have been $400,000,000 greater than under the former Democratic administration.

Governor Mount went back to 1892 and contrasted conditions then with those under Cleveland's first and second administrations. He was applauded when he said: "I don't believe anybody in Boone county is afraid of imperialism under Old Glory and such a commoner as William McKinley. They see now because we are at war with the Fillipinos the danger of imperialism. What could the United States do when Dewey was ordered out of Chinese ports? Because that was a neutral port, and the United States being engaged in war with Spain, our fleet could not remain there. With only a limited amount of coal, a base of supplies 7,000 miles away, it demonstrated one great fact—our weakness in the East to defend our growing commerce there—7,000 miles away from a base of supplies, he was ordered to enter Manila bay and destroy the Spanish fleet, which he did.

THE ACTION DEFENDED.

There has never been an hour from that time when we could relinquish our rights there and abandon the Fillipinos to their own destiny. If the United States had abandoned the Fillipinos we would have been the laughing stock of the world and subjected to the criticism of other nations.

"Where United States soldiers go for the defense of humanity; where that flag has been planted by American soldiers the Republican party will never pull down that flag and abandon the work accomplished by the bravery and blood of her soldiers. [Applause.]

"Under the American flag, no people need fear imperialism. I question the sincerity of any man, or if he is sincere I pity his judgement, who believes that another flag is a better guaranty of liberty and protection to a people than the American flag. This question of imperialism is simply for the purpose of deceiving the people.

No one fears that under Wm. McKinley and the American flag that the American soldiers will carry that flag as a sign of oppression to any people but that flag, wherever it flies, will be as a token of a better government to the people o'er whom it floats. I can trust, and you can trust and the American people can trust the President of the United States and our flag to give the people when they are ready for self-government that government or establish a government that will prove a benefaction and a blessing to these people. [Applause.]

"So in all the talks of imperialism there seems to be but little reason and but little consistency. Last week I picked up a copy of the Indianapolis Sentinel. Under large headlines I read. 'Great Victory to the Democratic Party in North Carolina: The State Carried by Many Thousand Majority.'"

"The Negroes practically disfranchised. That was a Democratic victory. I turned over to the editorial page and I read the resolutions passed by the Democratic party of Ohio, condemning the governing of a people without the consent of the governed and I thought, O consistency, thou art a jewel.' [Laughter.] Already more than 400,000 colored men have been disfranchised in the United States.

"The fourteenth and fifteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States have been set at naught and defied. If our Democratic friends are concerned about the Filipinos they had better remember they are disfranchising men in this country that love his country. They are disfranchising men who carried a musket that the nation might be preserved and the flag of the Union might wave over a united people and yet in defiance of the constitution, they are deliberately disfranchising these men without their consent and in violation of the spirit of the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the constitution."

The Governor also touched on other current issues.

LANDIS GIVEN AN OVATION.

The chairman introduced Congressman Landis with a few words. At this the audience broke into an ovation that had not been surpassed by any applause of the evening. It was a genuinely hearty greeting of welcome to a neighbor, friend and congressional representative.

A great part of what he said was a tribute to Governor Mount. He told of his campaign for Governor and his official acts. Referring to W. S. Taylor, of Kentucky, he said: "He has demonstrated, as Governor, that no gang of political bloodhounds can trace a legally elected Governor of a State into Indiana and take him back a fugitive." At this there was uproarious applause.

He said he was asked by a little boy, the other day, what was the difference between the Democratic party and Buffalo Bill. Replying that he did not know, the little boy said: "Buffalo Bill has a show." The audience laughed loudly at this.

In his whole trip through the West, recently, he said he did not find a hole where the Democrats could "stick a peg."

After Mr. Landis had spoken, the meeting adjourned.

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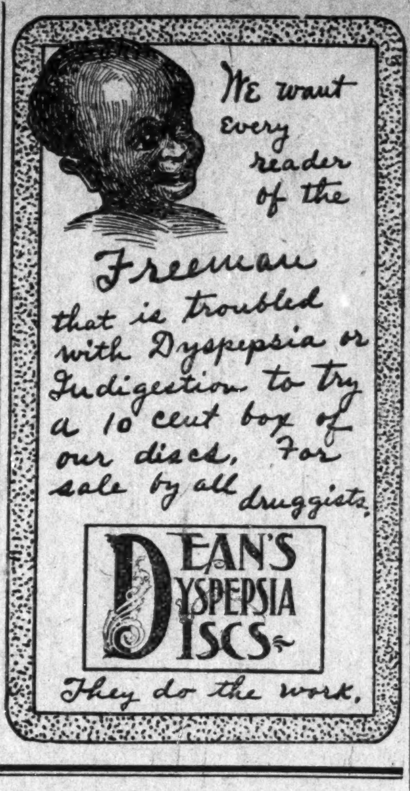

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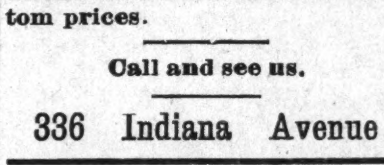

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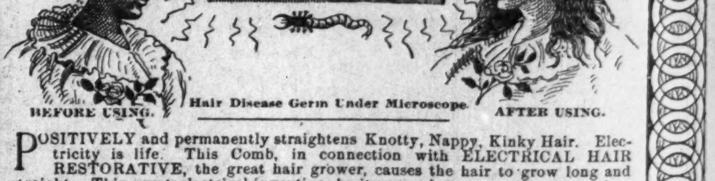

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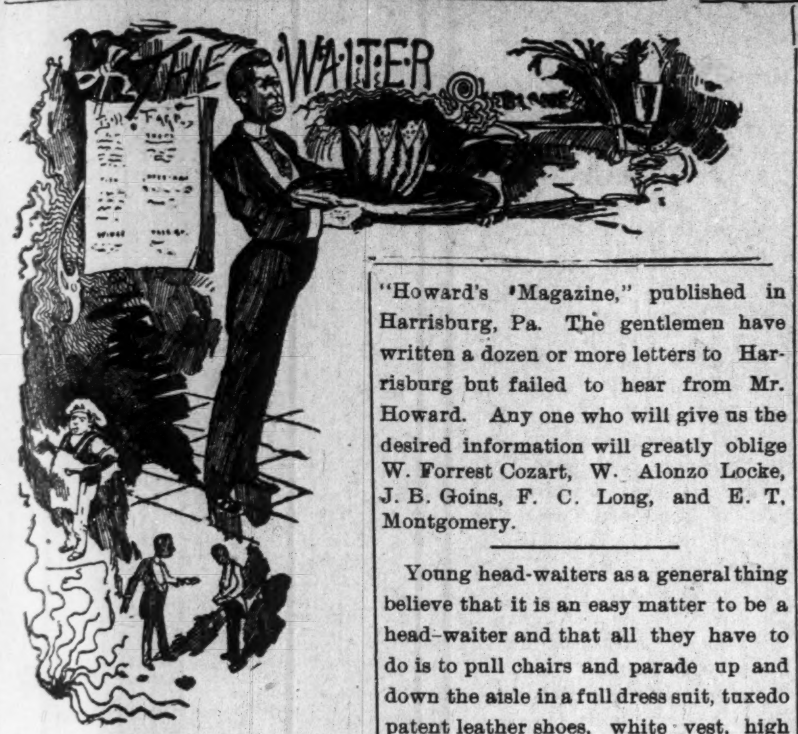

EDITED BY

W. FORREST COZART.

Atlantic City, N. J. still maintains its tittle as the leading summer resort of America. It appears that there is no limit to the great crowds at the sea shore this season. Every day is a record breaker. There seems to be no end to the enormous crowds which arrive here every day. It is excursion after excursion. The hot wave which has been sweeping this section of the country is the chief cause of this great influx of visitors. Each morning is bright and clear, which is only a prelude to another hot day and the rays of old sol, soon make themselves manifest, Later in the day the weather becomes much warmer, yet, here in Atlantic City is that delightful, cool and invigorating ozone from the bosom of old ocean that makes the heat a secondary consideration. It is at this resort where America's most cultured society leader's rusticate during the hot blast of mid-summer. Of course the influx of visitors puts your Uncle Sam'l., coin in the waiters coffers. Waiters from all over the country are here making money to finish their schooling. In one hotel is employed a student of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., and a Greek and Latin scholar from Atlanta, Ga. I find, in fact that most of the waiters are, or have been college students and some of them are even better educated than the guests whom they serve. This is also true of the sleeping car porters in this section of the country. It is also gratifying to notice that a large number of well-to-do and cultured colored people are guests at the shore this season. The boardwalks are crowded here all "the live long day" and the rolling chair boys are reaping a harvest. Base ball fanatics are in a large majority here and the teams are playing to large crowds every day. The famous Cuban Giants played here last week and as usual the colored boys put it all over their white opponents. The following is a list of the Cuban Giant's star players, Jackson, lf Nelson, cf.; Jordan rf.; Wilson, 1b; Smith, 2b.; Galoway, 3b. Williams, c.; Robinson, p; Steward, ss. The Giants played the Atlantic city team and carried away the honors.

Asbury Park is also doing good business this season. Happy seaside life, enjoyed as it only can be at Asbury park is now in full swing with all the pleasure and joy of fine weather, glorious surroundings and young and happy hearts. Every morning hundreds of people don their natty bathing suits and enjoy a delightful frolic in the ocean. Here as in Atlantic City the colored waiters are living in clover. The bicycle meet to be held here this week is the all absorbing topic just now. It is most pleasing to notice that Major Taylor, the coloed boy who has beaten all comers whenever he has been given and equal break has been entered in the races which come off Wednesday and the "Major" will be heard from.

Cape May, another popular resort, I found well patronized and also discovered that the colored waiters are very much in evidence. Among the most noted visitors at the Cape this week were the Chinese Minister, Wu Ting Fang, his wife and son.

Mr. E. M. Crigler has been re-engaged as head-waiter-steward for the Culver Millitary Academy, Culver, Ind. Mr. Crigler is now spending the summer at Mexico, Mo., his former home. He is up-to-date in everything as he buys and reads all of the latest books and the best papers.

The ground and building of the Chittenden Hotel, Columbus, O., was recently sold for $650,000 to a Cleveland syndicate. A few years ago this same property sold for $350,000. The sale of the Chittenden in no way interferred with the lease of the Columbus Hotel Co., (Trust) which has a ten year lease. The above company operates the Chittenden, Great Southern and the Neil House.

The gentlemen whose names appear below would be pleased to learn the whereabouts of one J. H. W. Howard, who claimed to be the publisher of "Howard's 'Magazine," published in Harrisburg, Pa. The gentlemen have written a dozen or more letters to Harrisburg but failed to hear from Mr. Howard. Any one who will give us the desired information will greatly oblige W. Forrest Cozart, W. Alonzo Locke, J. B. Goins, F. C. Long, and E. T. Montgomery.

Young head-waiters as a general thing believe that it is an easy matter to be a head-waiter and that all they have to do is to pull chairs and parade up and down the aisle in a full dress suit, tuxedo patent leather shoes, white vest, high standing collar, etc. Whenever a young head-waiter enters the profession with such narrow ideas he soon falls by the wayside. The race is not always won by the swift nor the strong but he who retains his head, exercises common horse sense and transacts business in a business way usually reaches the topmost round of the ladder of success.

The many friends of Mr. E. T. Martin formerly head-waiter of the Davidson House, Milwaukee, Wis., and the Nelson Rockford Ill., will be pleased to know that he is still among the living and doing well. Mr. Martin has been residing in Washington D C. for the past four years where he has been head-waiter at the Cairo. Mr. Martin is now second waiter at the Green Briar Hotel White Sulphur, W. Va. We are glad to hear from you Ernest and wish you abundance of success.

Capt. A. Thomas who has been head waiter at the "Vincennes" Chicago, Ill. for the past year has resigned. Capt. Thomas enjoys the distinction of being the only head waiter who gave up his position as head waiter for that of a soldier during the Hispano-American war. Capt. Thomas accompanied the 8th Vol. Regiment to Cuba where they remained several months. Co, "G" of which Capt. Thomas was in charge was composed almost entirely of waiters and lost only one man.

Mr. F. C. Long, formerly head-waiter of the Colonial Hotel, Cleveland O., and the Milliard Hotel, Omaha, Neb, is succeeding well at the Windermere Hotel, Chicago, Ill., where he was put in charge some time ago.

Chef F. W. Wilson has retired from the Wawasee Inn, Wawasee, Ind.

BOOK NOTICE.

"It is probable that to the town of Douglass, Massachusetts, alone belongs the reputation of having a haunted apple tree," writes Samuel S. Kingdom, in the August Ladies' Home Journal. "The tradition of the town is that a foul murder was committed in the orchard many years ago, and that since then it has been haunted by the spirit of the victim. As the story goes, a peddler, whoes custom it was to sell goods from house to house from a pack, laid down to rest at midday under a tree in the orchid, and before the day was ended he was found with a cruel gash in the neck from witch his life blood had ebbed away. Suspicion rested on the owner of the orchid, and he was said to have been constantly followed by the spirit of the victim. In an attempt to escape from its dreaded presence he moved away. Then the apparition became a terror to all who had occasion to pass over the road at night. So potent was its influence—standing, as it had a habit of doing, under the apple tree, with one hand at its throat and the other extending as though seeking aid, and uttering shrill cries that could be heard half a mile away— that the location of the highway was changed and it is now a long distance from the orchard. The old trees still bears fruit, and the apples from the one, beneath which the peddler was killed are said to be streaked with red, resembling blood, the streaks extending from skin to core."

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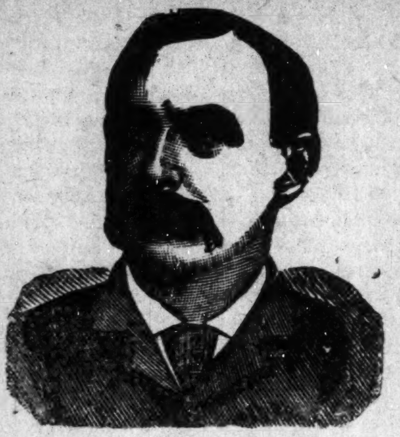

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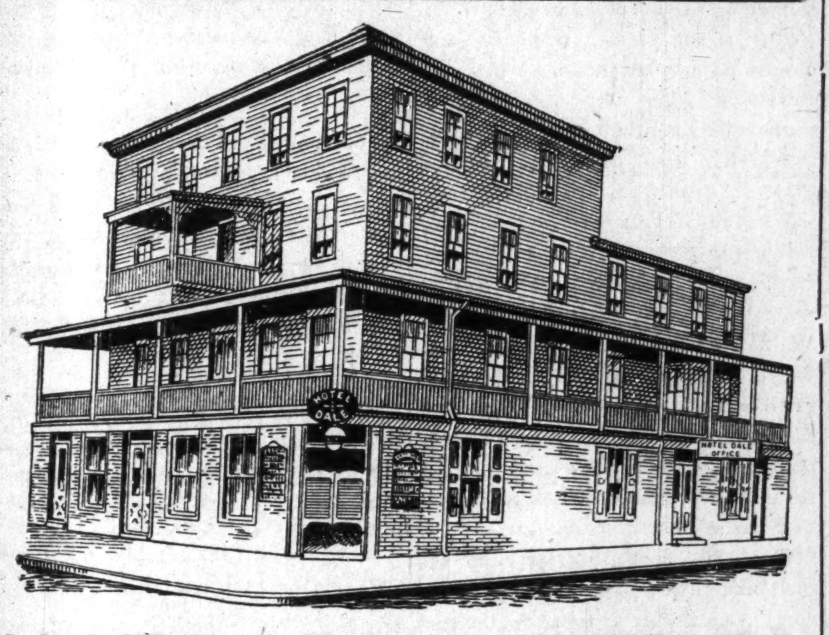

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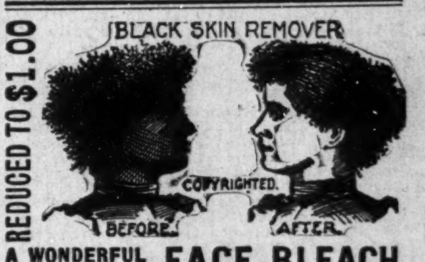

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A. M. E. CHURCH REVIEW.

That very worthy publication, the A. M. E. Church Review, comes to us as usual filled with choice and timely matter, good pictures and all of those things that go towards making up a first class magazine.

"The Need of Hospitals and Training Schools for the Colored People of the South," by Dr. D. H. Williams of the Provident Hospital, Chicago, is the second paper by the very eminent doctor. Such a subject has but little chance for speculative treatment or for theorizing. The actual conditions must be met with actual conditions of an opposing nature to bring to rest the disturbed laws of society, hygiene or what not. Dr. Williams shows clearly the advantages to patient and doctor alike, that is, and may be derived from institutions that are controlled by the race. It will not be necessary, here, to refer at length to those advantages, but in a few words they may be summed up. It is the result of the social conditions that do not allow the young practitioner to practice in the public hospitals of the South. What this means such men as Dr. Williams know better than those who are not of the fraternity. What the Negro patient may expect would not be as bad perhaps as what is reported of the Negro small-pox patients at the pest-houses about New Orleans, but it serves to illustrate the subject in hand.

The doctor is a great believer in the trained nurse idea. His article is illustrated by "wholesome" looking colored women in regulation dress, who have become proficient in that line of work. We are assured that neatness, tidiness, cheerfulness, pleasantness is sometimes the sovereign remedy. To die at home, among friends, is a desire that is well nigh universal. It is only the sanguinary hero of a hundred battle fields that desires to die with his boots on. God, home and mother are the latest theme to dying mankind when giving up the ghost whether at a breached wall or the victim of a tropical sun or racked by the insinuous miasmatic fevers of the marshes.

It is very likely that the Red Cross society, that world wide recognized institution of non-partisan rescuers, was founded on the universal desire of man that his eyes might be closed for the last time by the warm fingers of sympathy and by those who heeded his faintest call. In loco parentis, brother, sister stand these evangels of mercy endeavoring to convert the hideous surroundings, amid the shrieks of the dying into a semblance of that home where nature teaches that the unfortunates love so much to be.

These nurses, trained nurses, colored trained nurses, will be the means of restoring to health many whose chances for future existence will swing on a pivot, a stage, where they may be nursed back to vigorous life by motherly treatment, sisterly love and brotherly sympathy or forced on to death by frowns, scoffs, inattention and cold neglect. Civilization demands that the sick, dying and the dead be objects of special consideration. Mothers and the folks at home are often prepared to show it, but the world was moved when Moody and Sankey sang "Where is My Wandering Boy To-night?" It is this class that fall by the wayside. Those who are marked "unknown" at the cities for the dead, are they who as a rule must depend upon the stranger's hands and the stranger's love.

It is now generally understood that the well regulated hospital, with its well trained attendants, is a much better place than the majority of homes for caring properly for the sick. They are now institutions more in the nature of sanatoriams where extra care is shown to the sick in nursing them back to health.

Such a work as Dr. Williams has on hand will prosper. Civilization demands it. Evidences of it, in the most style, aided by science, is all around. Let us have those up-to-date institutions that will teach lessons in reducing the abnormal death rate.

THE ANTI-IMPERIALISTS.

The Anti-Imperalist Convention, which met in Indianapolis, decided to endorse Mr. Bryan owing to his new and intense opposition to the government's policy of expansion. Its action in that matter was anticipated. However, that convention dared to declare, in a mild form, for the constitution as it may be considered as applying to Negroes. It saw fit to deprecate the disfranchising tendencies that are being noted in some sections of the country.

It will be borne in mind that the great Democratic party at Kansas City did not have the courage to utter a single word in that direction. Mr. George Taylor, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, one of the Negro converts to that party, thinks that it ought to be excused because it was not informed as to its duty. Ignorance of the law excuseth no man. The Anti-Imperialist Convention needed no instructions, the great Republican party needed no such instructions. It is very strange that the party that "worships man rather than the dollar" should neglect such a large portion of mankind that need special attention.

What the Anti-Imperialists have done will not save the Negroes to the Democratic party. What they have done simply emphasizes what the Democrats did not do. Negroes who insist that they are right for dividing on issues as sensible white men do, are right, but the issue, as the case now stands, is the race itself. The Negroes' civil existence is threatened, their political status have been curtailed, and by whom?

What fine spun theories have the spell binders to present to the Negroes now? Can North Carolina be omitted and South Carolina and Mississippi and Louisiana? Well, hardly. The charge of for revenue only will sound plausible this year when applied to those who are trying to convert Negroes to Democracy.

The Rand-McNally atlas of China is a recent publication by that firm. It abounds in maps and descriptive matter pertaining to the present conditions and the present crisis in the celestial empire. A review of its history, government, religion, people, industries and relation to foreign powers is set forth in a very attractive manner, which, with the numerous illustrations, makes it very desirable. The Atlas of China is one of the geographical series of the Rand-McNally Co. of Chicago, which is published weekly, selling at $12.00 yearly.

The Negroes of America cannot stand another riot like that which occurred in New York. We may expect anything from the South, but it must not become general in the North.

It appears that New York and New Orleans have joined hands in some little matters. However, the best citizens did not join the mob in New York. The lesson of New Orleans was too plainly evident in the New York demonstration.

THE GROWING MOB SPIRIT.

While uttering our protests against the mob demonstrations of the recent past, let us not forget that we have a part to perform in the matter of checking the growing tendency. While there can be no occasion when the acts of mobs may be justified, but in spite of all that we have them.

It is our opinion that policemen do sometimes exceed their authority when making arrest. This excess of authority is not shown Negroes alone. They have been known to be abusive to white men, but it is the policemen's business to restore order when necessary at any cost. To fail in this renders them useless. They cannot go about this business as an undertaker at a funeral. His vocation is such that he appear abnormally rough and uncouth, but it is not always so, and many of them have been forced to assume unnatural manners in order to hold their jobs.

Lawlessness is always against the law. When they meet there is friction, but law can not surrender to lawlessness. To resist arrest is to resist law. It matters not whether the victim be innocent or otherwise. The courts are there to determine the matter. New York courts have the reputation of fair play, and in view of that fact it is chagrining and disappointing to know that a race war could occur in that State.

The courage shown by Negroes during these trying times may be satisfactory to the race, but it would be more satisfactory if these men were falling in defense of virtue, fireside, rather than in resisting arrests. Events have clearly proven that nothing has been gained in the matter, at least to the Negro's advantage. It is up to the Negroes now to avoid assuming an offensive attitude in these matters. To die in the defense of right is courage, to go further is temerity that brings unlooked for results,

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Mr. Bryan's Indianapolis speech had very much in it for the Filipinos, but not a word for the Negroes. He showed that he was an expert in quoting the Scripture, but he has nothing in common with the code of moral laws which are founded on the bible. Such little suggestions as "charity begins at home," and "the heathen at your door" would have afforded nice themes for discussion by a man who desires to be president of all the people. What has Mr. Bryan to say concerning disfranchisements?

The threatened racial crisis seems near at hand. Negroes are as much to blame in the matter as the white people. The majority insist on being rowdy in their conduct. They are neglecting the little traits that go towards making them acceptable citizens. All of these things are noted.

How long will Mr. Bryan play the peacock act in holding his head up in the air and sighting us the Filipinos? Why don't you look down at your feet, Mr. Bryan?

THE PAN-AFRICAN CONFERENCE.

The following is what London papers gleaned from the Pan-African Conference, which met in that city several weeks ago:

The Pan-African Conference is not numerically large, but it is thoroughly stimulating in its ideals, and it stands for a fresh and broad humanity.

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Dr. Walters, its president, strikes one—if the reader will pardon the Swiftian reminiscence—as a bishop who (in the true sense) believes in God, and it does not always follow in man also.

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And the best speeches of the delegates betray what one has almost come to regard as an old-time sense of divinity aealizing itself, however slowly, through noble human means.

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It is always touching to see a long-trammelled and harassed race finding expression at last, and through brighter particular spirits making the whole racial soul articulate.

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It is heartening to discover in the new voices as noble music as in those of the high minds of long-fav red civilizations. The cultured Africans at the conference put forward the finest democratic principles; and these, it is manifest, are realities in their lives.

THE NEGRO AND HUMANITY.

Prof. Dubois, of Atlanta, emphasized the ignoble fact that nowhere in the world nowadays has the black boy the chance to make the best of himself. This, it was patent, was not simply an injustice and a drawback to the black, it hindered general human evolution.

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Mrs. Cooper, of Washington, in her pathetic paper on the Negro conditions in an America that calls itself Christian and democratic, had already shown that the Negro was the most stable element in Transatlantic energy and labor; rightly treated and honored he would be a splendid force in American civilization.

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Mr. Meyer spoke of the striking Negro progress in the Universities, side by side with the children of nineteen centuries of civilization. Mr. Barnett said that they (the Negroes) were not fighting, so to say, for their own hand. Their spirit was the broad spirit of humanity; whatever good had been done in the world through the ages was there with them as inspiration.

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The African delegate talks no claptrap about civilization. His spirit has a sincerity atd momentum in refreshing contrast to the platitudes uttered by certain intellectual bankrupts who vaunt the White Man's Burden. His democracy has nerve, and he speaks of humanity as a strenuous whole.

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Miss Jones, B. A., of Kansas, in a clever and thoughtful paper on race individuality insisted on the importance of cultivating and developing the artistic side of the Negro's nature—a nature represented in literature to no mean extent by a Dumas and a Puschkin, to say nothing of Creole and much kindred lore.

Miss Jones is thoroughly alive to the finer spirit of her race, and is a critic of no ordinary culture.

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"The Golden Negro" was a phrase used yesterday at the Pan-African Conference. It referred to the colored man in his ignoble capacity as a means of enrichment for the white, as a great item of the colonist's assets.

It cropped up during the discussion on the condition of native race in South Africa and elsewhere; a question in regard to which the advanced and cultured Negroes of the conference are, in the first place, petitioning the government, and, in the second, considering the advantages of persistent and systematic agitation.

The point is that Dutch and English grossly wrong the natives. In the Cape Colony, Natal, Rhodesia, the West Indies, the conditions recall the evil periods of Southern slavery; virtually the natives receive no wages, or they are paid with inferior and even worthless goods.

Their general treatment is summed up in brief as entailing "degrading bondage."

In the British West Indies, where the black man has advanced to a high state of civilization—his representatives at the conference are a pertinent proof of it—he is denied the franchise, he is kept outside the pale of civic amenities and development.

In Rhodesia if he is two or three minutes late for his thankless daily task he is flogged to teach him promptitude, and the golden value of his moments to the superior money-maker.

His leaders are meeting the home Government on this issue. They claim amongst other things that special territories, where the high handed white colonist may not rule, shall be set apart for the aborigines. There the native chief shall have some measure of independence, and local right and individuality be respected.

Chattanooga News.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—Wednesday evening Aug. 15, 1900, the Fleusdelis Social Club entertained complementary to Miss Johnnie Thompson, of Nashville, Tenn., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rose. Those present were Misses Johnnie Thompson, Beatrice Brown, Edno Rose, Delola McCauley, Lena Durrah, Governia Lowe, Lenora Higgins, Messrs. James and Thomas Hawkins, Frank Harris, Richard G. Sewell and William Durroh. Mr. Walter Sommers the mandolinist of Atlanta, Ga., regrets the sad death of his eminent friend William Hayden of the Black Stone Quartette last seen of him was at Philadelphia during the exposition when I was there with the Georgia Plantation with a three months engagement. Miss Gertrude Jackson who has been to Cleveland on a pleasure trip has gone to Knoxville to spend several weeks also Mrs. H. J. Myers and Miss Cora Hall. Miss Beatrice Stallon left Tuesday for Knoxville where she joined Misses Eliza Blackwell and Miss Higgins. Chattanooga Unions played Knoxville base ball team Wednesday Aug 8, on the Knoxville diamond the score was 8 to 3 in Chattanooga's favor. They challenge the Atlanta Deppens for two games Aug. 16 and 17. Mr. Chas. Brown has returned home from Huntsville where he has been on a pleasure trip.

Visiting Friends.

Cincinnati, O., Special.—Mrs M. D. Holland, of West Court street, is spending a pleasant two weeks visiting friends in Sandusky and Cleveland.

Remember the Afro-American Council meets August 28.

THE CALL.

Bishop Alexander Walters, D. D., President Afro-American Council.
Headquarters
NATIONAL AFRO-AMERICAN COUNCIL.
Office of Chairman, Sub-Executive Committee in Charge of Work, 2011 Vermont Avenue.

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J. E. Bruce, New York.
Daniel Murray, District of Columbia.
R. W. Thompson. Indiana, Secretary.
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 28, 1900.

The AFRO-AMERICAN COUNCIL IN NATIONAL CONVENTINN.

To the Officers and Members of the National Afro-American Council, Greeting:

You are hereby called to meet in National Convention, in the Senate Chamber, Indianapolis, Indiana, on Tuesday, August 28, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of discussing questions affecting the interests of the race; to elect officers for the ensuing year; to devise plans, and to take such action as may be deemed best for the protection and advancement of the Afro-American people.

The basis of representation shall be as follows:

1. All persons who hold life membership.

2. Every local council shall be entitled to representation in the National Council by delegates elected on a basis of one delegate to every fifty members, said delegate to qualify upon presentation of credentials, and payment of ten cents for each member so represented. Provided, however, that any Local Council having less than fifty members shall be entitled to one vote, upon presentation of credentials and the payment of the annual tax of five dollars.

3. Religious and secular organizations which have for their aim and work the mental and moral elevation of the race, and which desire to co-operate with the National Council, may be represented by affiliated delegates, not more than two delegates to each organization. Said delegates shall have the right to vote upon payment of five dollars for each delegate.

4. Editors of Afro-American newspapers and principals of academic schools and colleges may be admitted to membership in the National Council, and be entitled to vote, upon presentation of credentials and payment of the annual tax of five dollars.

We need not emphasize the fact that the National Afro-American Council represents the organized possibilities of the race, and that our condition in this country, at the present time, makes this meeting imherative.

It is desired that every interest be represented, and a hearty co-operation of our people in all parts of the country is earnestly solicited.

A. WALTERS, President.
T. THOMAS FORTUNE,
Chairman Executive Committee.
JESSE LAWSON,
Chairman Sub Executive Committee.
R. W. THOMPSON, Secretary.

AFRO AMERICAN COUNCIL NOTES.

It seems that the Negro is going to force himself to a place of prominence in this campaign, and if reports be true, the hottest battle of the campaign will be fought to a finish in the city of Indianapolis on the 28th inst., when it will be decided whether the Negro is a nonenity in politics or a full-grown factor in the field.—The Progress, Omaho, Neb.

HOLD, NOT SO STRONG.

It is hoped that the Afro-American council, in its session at Indianapolis, will make its impress on the body politic of the nation to the extent of securing to the Negro the fullest enjoyment of his partisan rights.—The Independent, Houston, Texas.

The Hon. George H. Whiie will be elected President of the Afro-American Council. He would no doubt build up the organization if Bishop Walters will retire to support Bryan.—Washington Bee.

The Afro-American council will meet in Indianapolis on August 28. Doubtless it will be largely attended. The managers will have to be careful to see that the politicians do not capture this year's session. The constitution forbids this being done.—The Philadelpia Tribune.

The Afro-American Council, according to its organic plan, could not indorse the Republican party nor could it endorse any party. It is a well known fact that efforts will be made to pull the Council either one way or another, but "fore warned is fore armed" and as for the good they will do, these office holders, mentioned above, might as well stay home. Another thing we wish to mention is that there will be "others" at the Council besides a few office holders.—The Daily Record, Washington, D. C.

Cures Weak Men Free

Insures Love and Happiness.

How any man may quickly cure himself after years of suffering from sexual weakness, lost vitality, varicocele, etc., and enlarge small weak organs to full size and vigor. Simply send your name and address to Dr. L. W. Knapp, 1831 Hull Building, Detroit, Mich., and he will gladly send the free receipt with full directions so that any man may easily cure himself at home. This is certainly a most generous offer and the following extracts taken from his daily mail show how men write him.

"Dear Sir.—Please accept my sincere thanks for yours of recent date. I have given your treatment a thorough test and the benefit has been extraordinary. It has completely braced me up. I am just as vigorous as when a boy and you cannot realize how happy I am."

"Dear Sir.—Your method worked beautifully. Results were exactly what I needed. Strength and vigor have completely returned and enlargement is entirely satisfactory."

"Dear Sir.—Yours was received and I had no trouble in making use of the receipt as directed and after a few days use can truthfully say it is a boon to weak men. I am greatly improved in size, strength and vigor."

All correspondence is strictly confidential, mailed in plain sealed envelope. The receipt is free for the asking and he wants every man to have it.

The National Council is not a political organization and it will not be used as a cats paw for the Democratic party. The enemy has made its boast too soon. Members of the Council all over the country will be on hand early to see to it that the race is not disgraced by the success of the contemptible scheme proposed by the Democrats. If Tillman and his "red shirt aggregation of political outlaws want any resolutions of support and endorsement, let them call a convention of political renegades, moral outlaws and race traitors. In such a body it would be fit and proper to introduce resolutions to denounce McKinley and endorse Bryan, and it would succeed. But in the Afro-American Council—never!—Chicago Conservator.

DEMOCRATIC BLUSTER.

The Democrats are making dire threats of what they intend to do at the session of the Afro-American Council in Indianapolis en the 28th. The announce with customary Democratic gall that they will secure a resolution denouncing Pres. McKinley and favoring dimple William Bryan. In furtherance of their boast they preparing to rally the "red shirt" hosts of Indianapolis and reenforce that combination by an asserted contigent of Chicago hand-me-down Democrats who may always be relied upon to turn up if there is a dollar in sight. It is proposed to tone up this aggregation with Pitchfork Tillman enthusiasm for the "consent of the governed," and a liberal supply of regard for the Negro, as it shown by disfranchising statutes of Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina.

Thus prepared for the wook, the colored Democrats will try to introduce simon pure, tenderloin politics into the deliberations of the National Council.—Chicago Conservation.

THIS AND THAT.

It is plain that the lower courts of Kentucky are not yet in a condition to do even-handed justice. Governor Mount of Indiana was well advised when he used his constitutional prerogative to refuse to hand over Governor Taylor to the politics-ruled courts of Kentucky.—The Inter Ocean.

First Aid to the Impecunious.

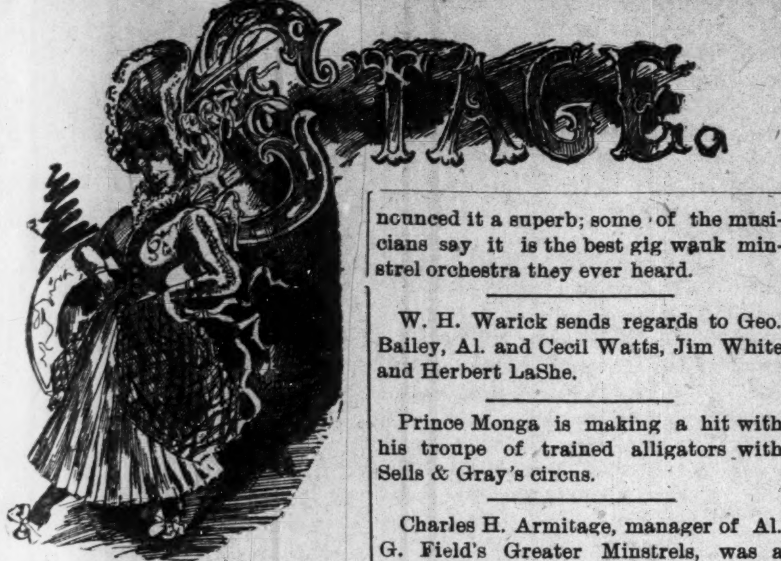
Graphter—I left my pocketbook home, and I haven't a penny in my clothes. Say, lend me a fiver, will you? I'll return it tomorrow.

Phoxy—I'll do better. Here's nickel; you can go home and get your pocket book.—Philadelphia Press.

The Rev. L. J. Coppin, colored, of Philadelphia, who was recently elected Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal church in the Transvaal, will sail for Africa next January. By that time the members of the denomination hope to raise $20,000, and when he arrives in the Transvaal there will be a reorganization of the conferences and work on the college will be commenced.

Bishop Walters and others were entertained at tea by the Reform Cobden Club, by the Lord Bishop of London at his palace, and at the House of parliament by invitation of Charles Clark and other members of the House of Commons.

"My Daisy" is a little waltz composition, instrumental, by Mr. James P. Bourke of Savannah, Ga. It is very pretty, and shows that the composer has an unusual conception of musical composition. He tells the story completely, of his Daisy. Much may be expected of his future efforts. Nothing on the "ragtime" order but legitimate music depending on execution for effect rather than the predominance of dominant tones. It is not difficult. It has three changes following a very beautiful introduction which is indeed indicative of future good things from the composer's pen. As before intimated he adheres to his theme throughout, thus making a beautiful whole. It is worth while trying. Address Mr. James P. Bourke, 225, East Broad street. Price 25c.



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Perry, Olliver
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1900 —ROUTE— 1901

Rusco & Hollands, Big Minstrel Festival—Dayton, O., 23-24-25.-Cincinnati, 26 Sept. 1

Richards & Pringles Famous Georgia Minstrels.—Houghton, Mich., Aug. 18; Ashland, Wis.; 20; Washburn, 21; Iron Wood. 22; Rhilander, 23; Wausau, 24; Neilsville, 25.

Forepaugh—Sells Bros. Mammoth Circus.—Kansas City Mo., Aug. 20; Cameron 21; Maryville, 22; Creston Iowa; 23; Red Oak 24; Atlantic 25.

Harrison Bros,' New and Ancient South Co.—Sparta. Mich., 24; Grand Haven, 25; Allegan, 27; Otsego, 28; Paw Paw, 29;

Oliver Scott's Refined Negro Minstrels—Ashland, O., 24; 24; Kent, 25; Millersburg, 27; Columbus, 28; New Lexington, 29.

Christian sends regards to all he don't know.

Angelo Houseley sends his regards to Geo. Bailey.

Percy, "Crip," Baldie says attention. Fall in line, Crip

Stokes, the "Little Lamb," is going bigger than ever.

Prof. W. L. Jackson says he would like to hear from Harry Prampin.

Dick Thomas sends regards to all friends in and out of the profession.

Charles R. Parker sends regards to James Osbourne and Harry Creighton.

Lewis F. Wright sends his regards to Oliver Perry, with Georgia Up-to-Date.

Mrs. Stevenson's little boy sends regards to all friends. Says Bow diddle write.

The Alabama Quartette sends regards to Simpson, Pittman, Patrick and Geo. Bailey.

Geo. Swan sends regards to Simpson, Pittman, Patrick, Joe Dobins and Crip Brown.

The "Old Plantation Trio" writes that they are doing well in Ireland, near Belfast.

Eaton & Weathers have joined Gorman's Alabama Troubadours for New England park dates.

Mr. Rusco of the Big Minitrel Festival, has a new automobile made especially for him. It is a beauty. The No. 3 company of Rusco & Holland's attended the big show in Chicago and pronounced it a superb; some of the musicians say it is the best gig wauk minstrel orchestra they ever heard.

W. H. Warick sends regards to Geo. Bailey, Al. and Cecil Watts, Jim White and Herbert LaShe.

Prince Monga is making a hit with his troupe of trained alligators with Sells & Gray's circus.

Charles H. Armitage, manager of Al. G. Field's Greater Minstrels, was a Freeman caller last week.

Harry Fidler ain't doing his Chinese Turn this season. He is afraid some Irishman will take him for a Chink.

The five Houseleys send their respects to Simpson, Pittman and Patrick, also Walter Robinson, of Yankton, S. D.

A. Neal sends regards to Charles R. Parker, John Eason and John Jackson, also Will Bostwick and Milton Vassar.

Tom Logan sends regards to all Buffaloes and friends. His permanent address is 722 Filbert street, Oakland, Cal.

Mr. Thomas Monroe, the trombone player with Sells & Gray's circus, resigned the 20th, to accept a position in St. Louis.

James D. Foster, who was formerly lecturer with Roystons' Chicago Moving Picture Show, died recently in Knoxville, Tenn.

Williams and Walker are singing at every performance—Heelan and Helf's coon hit, "Every Race Has a Flag but the Coon."

"Kid" Alston, the buck and wing dancer, late of Ernest Hogan's American Minstrels, lost his father while in Honolulu.

John L Hill sends regards to all friends, and would like to hear from his old partner, R. H. Barnett. Address Freeman.

Major Ben F. Payne sends regards to the Byrons, Lloyd Cooper, Simon Parrisk, Prof. Flamer, John Barr, John F. Stowe, "Micky" Owens, the Marshalls and friends.

John W. Dennis, comedian, vocalist and musician, closed with Georgia Up-to-Date minstrels and has signed with the Coontown 400 of Kansas City. He sends regards to friends.

Major Ben. F. Payne is now negotiating with Mr. Frank Dumont, the Playwriter, relative to his original idea of his own play "The Millwright," a real Negro melodrama.

The McBeards are organizing for a tour of the copper country and the northwest, commencing about Sept. 23, and would like to hear from Jack Oliver. Address Ike McBeard, Mackinac Island, Mich.

Robert Bibbs, better known as "Cracker Jack, the champion drum-major," left Cincinnati, O., on the 18th to join Prof. J. Powell's Pickaninny band at Indianapolis. They left for Eau Clarie, Wis., on the 20th.

Ralph S. DeVine, the trombone soloist, writes that his mother is improving slowly. Boys, can you blame me for not joining any show this season? Managers as well. Regards to all. Write me at 610 Central ave., Cincinnati, O.

The Nashville Students passed through Cincinnati en route to Columbus, O., Sunday and were given a royal entertainment by that prince of good fellows Ollie Dempsey. You will hear their comments later on, having not recovered from their swell tme up to date.

"The Paynes," Ben., Susie and Mamie, closed with Boom's Black Diamond Co. at Middletown, Conn., on the 5th inst., and signed with "A Rabbit's Foot Company" for the season. Major Ben. F. Hayne is holding down Uncle Ebeneezer Duzenberry in the comedy cast of the play, a very strong and heavy part.

The Byron family sends regards to Messrs. James W. Grant, Henry Williams, Sonny Hoskins, Ralph Nicholas, The Marshalls, Henry Dorsey and all friends. Parker, Stokes, Dixon and Allie Brown of the "Big City Show" would like to hear from John Eason, the "sea lion"—business of importance.

The Freeman calls the attention of minstrel proprietors and managers as well as the profession in general to the fact that we have solely ordained W. L. Johnson as our representative at Clarksville, Tenn., presenting him with credentials. We have authorized him to solicit news from the profession and give each show passing through his city a general write up and to help swell the Freeman's immense list among them. Any courtesies shown him by the profession will be greatly appreciated by this paper. Keep your eye on this page for his "coming ad."

Slayton's Jubilee Singers are making a big hit at the Chataquas through Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Nebraska and Missouri. The following is the roster—Madam Sylvester, Miss Daisy Robertson, Mrs. V. A. Green, Mrs. E. P. Helms, Mrs. A. L. Tutt, pianist, J. W. Turner, basso, N. T. Washington, Lester Helms, manager, and A. L. Tutt, stage manager. They send regards to all.

Messrs. W. N. P. Spiller and Charles R. Parker spent a very enjoyable evening in company with Mr. Thomas McCain, the very popular bartender at Pony Moore's turf saloon on Twenty-first street, Chicago, Ill. Mr. McCain is quite a favorite among professionals—he is a brilliant conversationalist and very popular.

George Titchner writes that he has had good success this summer playing parks, and is now specially engaged by Mr. Leon W. Washburn to put on a big coon dance and up-to-date cake walk for his big city, Stetson's Uncle Tom's Cabin Company. He will do his monologue in the olio of this show until Nov. 1, then head his big colored minstrels, which opens Nov. 10. John Vaughner write. Regards to all friends.

"King Rastus," Isham's serio-operatic comedy surprise, opened a season this week in Boston. The production will be carried intact, while the costumes, by Eaves, can be described as magnificent. "King Rastus" will no doubt mark the era of anther step of advancement in colored theatricals, as this is quite a pretentious offering, and is to a degree on the comic opera order. Among the principals are Billy Kersands, who appears as "King Rastus," while carefully written parts are played by Smart and Williams, Mallory Bros. and Brooks, Marion Henry, Tom Brown, Alberta Ormes, Sallie Lee, S. H. Dudley, Eva La Rhue and a chorus of twenty-four voices.

SOLO THEATRE NOTES, HOUSTON TEX.

Ed. Hall sends regards to Emmit Da-Davis, Sherman Dudley, Maud Kemp Harry Fidler and James Campbell. Would like to hear from them. Jessie J. Aldridge after touring the state has returned to Houston, to spend the Winter at the Solo Theatre. He sends gards to Emmit Davis and all friends. Levi Hill, the popular mixologist, is still the head-bartender. Rickmeyer sends regards to Emmit Davis and says "he has the town." Solo Theatre is going to re-open at an early date, and would like to hear from all professionals that would like to make dates. Address Ed. Hall, Manager, Solo Theatre, Houston Tex.

Lew Payton, comedian with Harrison Bros. New and Ancient South, writes: We are now touring the State of Michigan to great success. Prof. James H. Gray our stage manager and vocal director deserves great credit for his thorough training. Our principle comedians are Messrs Lew Payton, David Jackson R. Brooks and Daniel E. Washington. These funny men with their surroundings keep things lively throughout the whole first part during which there is not a dull moment. Our first part is closed by Mr. Jessie J. Smith and his wonderful dog, Spot, rendering, "I Thought I heard somebody Calling Me." Our Olio is strong. The Company joins hands in sending regards to all friends.

Carlisle's "Ideal Troubadours" under direction of J. W. Bohannan, opened to standing room only at Minneapolis, Minn., Saturday, August 12, under their mammoth tent, with seating capacity of 1,000 The opening was a great success. We have only twenty-eight people, but they are all it—it—it, including Jones and the Earthquakes, the Southern Coons, who are booked with Bohannan's Fun on the Levee Bompany No. 1. This season our band and orchestra is there, likewise the quartette. In short, they doff their hats as the parade went up Nicolet avenue, and cheered for the "Ideal Troubadours." Regards to H. Giliam and all up-to-dates, P. G Lowery and all the profession. All members booked for "Fun on the Levee" will secure due notice. Would be pleased to see that "Fast Baking" sketch of which you speak, Dan.

Notes from the Richard & Pringle's Famous Georgia Minstrels.— We are now up in the copper country. The weather is very pleasant, and our business is fine. In Calumet we played in the new opera house. It is certainly a beauty, for there are not many cities that can surpass it. The boys are all in fine health, and each and every individual is working good in their respective lines. Our bands, on the street, are the talk of all those that hear them. Prof. G. W. Houseley deserves great credit for gathering around him such a capable lot of musicians. Our show, the stage part, has assumed that air of regularity that makes any show a success, and our genial manager feels proud of his men, and they all like him for its hard to find his equal. Our stage manager, Mr. Harry Fidler, seems to get a little rest of late. He has been on the go constantly since we started out getting the show in running trim. Now, that he feels he has everything in good running order, he can let his mind rest at ease. There is not a dull moment in our show. Everything goes. Singing the very best.

Larger and better than ever was the general verdict of all who had the pleasure of witnessing the performance of Rusco & Holland Big Minstrel Festival which opened at the Park Theatre Monday for three nights. From the richly staged first part to the Arabs, who closed the bill with a startling turn, the entertainment was first class. The curtain rises on a darkened stage which gradually becomes light and "The Oriental Terrace" is revealed. During this first part, which opens with "Ragtime in the Orient," John Rucker, Tom McIntosh, Lew Jones, Sanford and McKissick, W. A. Dixon and others are heard in various new songs, comic and sentimental. A number of new stories are told. The olio is made up by the Byrons who do a musical turn, the drill of the Black Watch. McKissick and Jones, knockabout comedians, Allie Brown on the slack wire, Furber and Davis whose acrobatic antics were loudly applauded, and Tom McIntosh. Some of the best singing and dancing is reserved until toward the finish, when John Rucker's sketch, "Down Among the Cypress," is given. This is one of the hits of the performance. The Arabian Demonites wind things up with a lot of very fast tumbling, and the curtain goes down on decidedly the best minstrel performance Rusco & Holland have ever given in Indianapolis. It is a winner.

J. Ed. Green, of the Oliver Scott's Big Minstrel Carnival writes;—Success met us at the door on our opening night. Splendor, finance, applause and satisfaction, traveled together after their first meeting. Our first part will take the medal at the minstrel exposition. Opening with a new creation seated, within the realms of statue and flowers comprising a circle of sweet voices pouring forth the latest gems of sentiment and comedy, the curtain rolls up to a familiar air. Overture is next in order and the medley, "Coontown Jubilee" is interrupted a number of times by loud bursts of applause. Then the comedians picked from the field of the funniest funmakers, start the laughing ball rolling, with Mr. Will Bailey and his popular song "It ain't no Fault of Mine." Richard Lewis is next to follow, opening the vocal department with his wonderful voice, in, "She Rests by the Suwanee River." Rastus is always a favorite with his crying imitations, then a few spare moments are filled by your humble servant with an entirely new song entitled "My Mayme O'Day," which by the way is having its first production on any stage, under contract from the firm of Wm. Rife and Company. Billy Johnson stops the first edition by stating in song, "I Don't Care if I Never Wake Up," then comes the prolific producers, Messrs. Clarence Powell and Robt. Pannell, with their original rendition of "Everything is Coming My Way" and "The Ghost of a Coon." Henry Troy, the famous Southern tenor is doubling his success with Chas. K. Harris, song success "Just for Old Times Sake;" then the rulers of coon comedy, Messrs. Gales and Johnson, close the first part with their peculiar antics in song and dance. Everyone send regards to friends. We would like to hear from the "Major." Leave it at Columbus.

Charles R. Parker of the Rusco & Holland's Big Minstrel Festival, writes as follows: The fourth week of the season 1900 and 1901 was one of the most successful weeks in the history of the big show. The weather was very warm, and we only made one parade and every body wonders how a Minstrel could do such a fine business in the summer and all of the parks are open. This is the first colored minstrels that has ever played the Great Northern Theatre and the Chicago people says it is the finest colored minstrel that has ever played in Chicago. The scenery is pronounced elegant by every one. Our Saturday matinee was the largest in the history of the Great Northern Theatre and the management of the theatre insisted on a return date. There were several new additions made to the show in Chicago; William Dixon, America's favorite tenor soloist, joined us; also Allie Brown, the king of the slack wire. Allie is in fine form and doing some very clever new tricks. He is fresh from New York city and is a Fifth-avenue fashion plate. Our olio is the sensation of the century and is so pronounced by the press and public. Some of the boys were glad to leave Chicago as they were going a very fast rate and could hardly go another week. Mr. Milton Graves, baritone soloist, is successfully singing that beautiful ballad: "My Heart is Lonely Now." Furber and Davis, comedy acrobats were big favorites in Chicago. The Chicago papers spoke in glowing terms of the work of Messrs. McIntosh and Rucker. Mr. Rucker was all smiles the entire week, everybody knows why; the entire company was entertained Friday night at Prof. Henderson Smith's new saloon on Twenty-ninth street between State and Dearborn. Mr. Smith is one of the oldest colored professionals in the country and has just returned from Australia; everyone know that he s a jolly good fellow and we wish him success in his new venture. Mr. Smith is a hard worker for the up building of the Buffaloes and will try to reorganize the order in Chicago and also Toledo, O.

PACIFIC COAST PICKINGS.

The Bartons are in San Francisco Cal. and appear to be getting their share of the vaudeville dates. Armon Davis Kid Franklin and Miss Minnie Ferguson have joined hands and will be known as the, "Trocadero Three." Jack Hearde and George Jones are playing a return date at Seattle. Ambrose Moore is leading the orchestra at the Olympic, Victoria, B. C. Much surprise and regret was occasioned by cancellation of the Western tour of Ernest Hogans' Funny Folks, as Hogan is an established favorite in the West. It is rumored that Robt. C. Logan, L. H. Saulsburry Harry Stafford, Miss Laura Moss and Miss Madah Hyer have signed with, "A Country Coon." Tom Logan is also mentioned. Lew Purcell, the performer's friend, is financially interested in the Alabama Minstrels an attraction of more than ordinary merit which is touring the coast, showing under a tent and from reports is doing nicely. Jack Hearde had a "try out" at the Chutes recently but somehow, he and the manager failed to "get to-gether." "Senator" Hamden and his "braves" under the suggestive tittle of "The Real Black Kentuckians" are playing to "hardly able" audiences in Oregon. Lew Jonhson is reported to have given up the show business and gone to Ohio. Milt Johnson, the self styled bass (?) singer, closed with "Senator" Hamden's warriors and has returned to the more profitable vocation of barber shop porter. D. D. Greene's quartette is playing dates on the Northwestern circuit. The Senegambians, starring Miss Josie Roan have disbanded. Tom Logan has accepted the position of stage manager and producer of the Alabama Minstrels a company composed chiefly of former members of Hogan's minstrels and McAdoo's minstrels. L. H. Saulsbury and Kid Alston are endeavoring to secure bookings in the Orpheum at Honolulu. (Why?)

Notes from the Alabama Minstrels.—We are playing what is termed, "races and fair dates," and the people declare ours the best of its kind that has visited them. Miss Katie Carter, the clever dancer, gets her share of applause nightly. She has doubled with Miss Mabel DeHearde and their sketch goes exceeding well. Miss Laura Moss, the sweet voiced soprano, excites admiration everywhere by her wonderful range, purity of tone and flexible voice. Miss Ida Disard, featuring. "Keep a Place in Your Heart for Me," is the recepient of nightly encores. Miss Martha Disard Logan is the possessor of a sweet alto voice, which is heard to good advantage

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After each had placed up fifty cents, the box was shoved over to Jack to start the game. He dashed out the dice and threw aces. "Good," said Swift laughing. "I'll wager that is the best hand thrown in the game."

To this the bartender made no reply.

Jack's two remaining chances failed to strengthen his hand, and the box was passed to Jake, who succeeded, in his three chances, to throw four trays. Jack's hand was beaten. Swift next took the box, and to Jack's complete surprise, threw four trays, tieing the bartender's throw. At this remarkable demonstration of luck, on the part of his friend, Jack laughed gleefully. He supposed, from the fact that Swift had so generously divided his first winnings, that he would do so throughout the entire proceedings. This was precisely what the designing Swift had meant he should think, as the final developments will show.

Swift's two remaining chances were exhausted without further benefit to his hand. But, as two hands were tied, according to the agreement, the pot must be doubled, as no one, as yet, had lost. This caused each to forfeit up one dollar more to the pot.

The money up, they proceeded with the game. It was Jack's first throw again. This time, during his three trials, he succeeded in throwing a "full," consisting of three deuces and a pair of aces. Swift next threw the dice, but was unlucky, only throwing three trays in all. It was the bartender's turn next. Swift's remarkable feat of a few moments previous had appalled Jack in amazement, but what now followed, stunned him almost to insensibility. The bartender had thrown three deuces and a pair of aces, tieing his hand!

"Phenomenal luck, indeed," said Swift, looking at Jack with a puzzled expression upon his face. "Well, according to our agreement this forces us to double up again, which will cost us two dollars each—the winner to take all—this is becoming quite interesting, the winner, whoever he be, will be rewarded with a neat little sum." At this Swift tossed upon the bar a two-dollar bill, the bartender quickly following suit.

It will be remembered that of the two dollars and a half Jack had received from Swift, he had already placed up one dollar and a half, leaving him only one dollar remaining. As Jake made his assessment good the two looked enquiringly at Jack, who began to understand, in a vague way, that he was expected to make his assessment good; or, withdraw from the game. Realizing that he could not do this, without resorting to his private purse he hesitated, and seemed to be expecting some sign from Swift what to do, but that shrewd individual, knowing full what was transpiring in the mind of his innocent victim, managed, adroitly, to have his face averted from the anxious, expectant gaze of Ashton. After a moment of most embarrassing silence, which seemed an age to the perturbed youth, Swift turned and met his wistful stare with seeming surprise at his hesitancy.

"What! You are not going to quit?" said he.

"I had rather not indulge further in the game, gentlemen," replied Jack. "It seems that what we intended for a little recreation and pastime is assuming the phase of outright gambling."

"Not at all," was the quick response of Swift. "We are only observing the regulations governing the game, and our own agreement. Come, come, it would be extremely improvident to stop now, as, by so doing, you relinquish all claim to the amount you have already forfeited. If, however, after ten successive throws, the game remains undecided, then the entire pot will be equally divided, each getting back what he has placed up."

Jack seemed inclined to still hesitate.

Turning to the bartender, Swift continued condescendingly: "If my friend, Mr. Ashton, does not care to continue the game on his own account, and you have no objection, Jake, I will lend him the money with which to pay his assessment."

This obviously wounded Jack's pride, as his calculating companion had meant it should. To this proposition Jake entered a rigorous protest, claiming that that would be two against one, and unfair. "If Mr. Ashton does not care to retain his interests longer it would be but justice to the principals involved that he should forfeit what he has placed up," said Jake.

"No, indeed, Jaky, my boy, we will do nothing of the sort; will we, Ashton?" replied Swift, coaxingly. "We see your little scheme. If my friend should stop now, the amount he has already jeopardized will be taken by the final winner without him having any further interest whatever. Come, Ashton, place it up. Do you not see it would be to his interest for you to quit? He would thereby have one less opponent to deal with."

To these persuasions and explanations Jack finally yielded and mechanically drew his purse from his pocket and placed up a twenty-dollar bill, which was all, with the exception of a few cents in change, he possessed in the world. This was the money his old father had given him that morning before leaving home. From that time onward the game proceeded rapidly. Each time the dice were thrown either Swift or the bartender would tie the hands. It took but a short time to relieve the country lad of his money and, of course, he was forced to retire.

This did not prevent the other two, persuant to their plans, from continuing the game, as the winner of the pot had not yet been determined. Finally, to Jack's great delight, Swift won the game. The drinks were again ordered; and Jack, with the beads of perspiration standing profusely upon his forehead, the result of the excitement he had just passed through, grasped the flowing glass and eagerly drained it. The several drinks he had indulged in were beginning to tell upon him rapidly. As the last drinks were dispensed Swift bantered Jake to a single-handed contest, at five dollars per game, which, being a part of the programme to be carried out, was at once accepted.

Any dreams the unsophisticated Jack had entertained of sharing his friend Swift's winnings were soon dispelled, as Swift began to lose as persistently as he had previously won, and in a short time the bartender, with seemingly wonderful luck, had won his last dollar. As Jack beheld the last stake for which they played raked in by the unerring Jake, a deep sense of pitty came over him for his unfortunate friend. Any little inconvenience he may have felt at his own losses sank into insignificance when compared to the large amount his daring friend had just squandered. In his heart he admired the cool and indifferent manner in which Swift seemed to accept his reverses.

"Well, Jake, old boy," said Swift, laughingly, as that individual raked in the last stake for which they played, "your luck this evening has been wonderful; quite too much for me. I suppose I shall have to quit you until some other time, when I hope I shall be more lucky. I am obliged to trouble you for the loan of two dollars until I drop in sometime to-morrow."

"Certainly, Mr. Donnelly, as much as you like," said Jake cordially, placing upon the counter two silver dollars. "Now, gentlemen," he continued, "have one more drink with me." Turning to the sideboard he bagan to prepare them.

The foregoing events had consumed about an hour, and, consulting his watch, Swift remarked that it was half past nine, and that in all probability his brother had been detained at the office upon some business, and that he feared very much that they would have to postpone their business interview until the morrow. By this time the drinks were set upon the counter, and the three drank, Jake wishing them both "success."

Swift then explained to the bartender that he and Ashton had concluded to wait upon his brother in the morning concerning affairs pertaining to the establishment of the supposed "sub-agency." He requested the bartender to so inform him in the event he should call later in the evening, and, with a pleasant "Good evening," Swift and his victimized companion left the place.

CHAPTER IV.

DECEPTION'S FATAL WEB.

As the two men left the "Stag" they proceeded on down the street in silence till they reached the corner of the square. Both seemed engrossed in profound thought and quite indisposed to talk. This disposition on the part of Jack's companion may, in all probability, have been assumed, but with Jack it was genuine.

To be penniless and adrift in a large city at night—a stranger to all, is very likely to produce a trend of thought not altogether pleasant to the most self-possessed. When the two reached the corner Swift was stunned and surprised upon Jack calmly remarking in a somewhat sorrowful tone of voice:

"I am truly sorry you have sustained such heavy losses to-night, the result of our thoughtless and imprudent little escapade, and sincerely hope it may prove a lasting and wholesome lesson to us both."

Completely taken back by this unexpected overture from the man he had just robbed, Swift was deeply touched and moved to a sense of pity and admiration for what he termed "gameness" and "mettle" of his victim. Here he was presented with an incident of rare occurrance in the career of a confidence man. The victim, in this case, was actually extending to him his sympathy. Getting rid of a "sucker" after he is skinned constitutes the most difficult part of the bunco steerer's art. In nine cases out of every ten, a man who squanders his money upon a game or scheme introduced by men of Swift's caliber, becomes wise, after it is all over, and sees how he has been taken in, whereupon he sets up a howl for his money back, with the threat, if it is not returned he will apply to the police, oftentimes making it so unpleasant for the individual who has fleeced him that he gives at least a portion of the money back.

The craft and cunning of the professional crook, however, is generally equal to the emergency, and he is more than likely to come out master of the situation without having to resort to the above method of "squaring" his victim; at least not until all other plans have been exhausted.

A feeling of relief came to Swift. He realized by Ashton's expressions of sympathy that he was not going to act ugly over his own losses, thereby making it quite easy to get rid of him. So, turning to Jack with a genuine admiration in his eyes, he said: "By Jove, Ashton, you are a brick. There is an unexplainable something about you that draws me irresistably to you. I have noticed throughout the entire proceedings of the evening your nonchalant indifference as to the manner in which matters have terminated. You have made me your life-long friend. Here, take this," he continued, handing Jack the two silver dollars he had borrowed from the bartender, together with a card, "and to-morrow morning come to the address on this card. I have much to say to you; don't trouble yourself about the money you have lost to-night; everything will be made right in the morning." So saying he hailed a passing cab, got in and was driven rapidly away; leaving the bewildered Jack standing on the sidewalk, gazing after the vehicle in mute astonishment.

As the carriage bearing his companion of the evening vanished into the darkness beyond, Jack turned the money Swift had given him over in his hand in a dazed sort of way, as if trying to agree in his mind what next to do. He walked up to a nearby lamp post and read the address on the card, which was:

BERT SWIFT,

No. 59 Polk Street.

The events of the evening had crowded themselves so closely, one upon another, and in such peculiar and grotesque forms that Ashton had ceased to marvel at anything that occurred. He wondered who "Bert Swift" could be, and whether or not he was in any way connected with the firm, by whom he was to be employed. Finally he concluded that this was the correct solution of the problem, and dismissed the matter from his mind. Just then another cab chanced to pass by and like his friend he hailed it, handed the driver on the box a card, bearing his uncle's address, got in, and was driven away.

As the cab rattled on over the granite streets Jack nestled himself comfortably back among the cushions and fell to thinking of all that had taken place since his arrival in the city. In his imagination he drew every possible conclusion as to what the morrow had in store for him. He turned the lenses of his thought upon his late companion and focused him from every angle known to fancy. He thought that his occupation, whatever it might be, was necessarily a remunerative one, to allow him to squander such large sums of money. He had read in the current literature of the day how young men of his dashing young companion's inclinations being intrusted with large sums of their employer's money, oftentimes succumbed to their passions and ambition for wealth and speculated, with wanton recklessness, the funds that did not belong to them, impelled by a feverish hope that success would smile upon their daring, when they could replace the stolen funds and their employer be none the wiser of their dishonesty. He recalled, with something like a shudder the consequences these measures had oftimes involved, and wondered to himself if his new found friend was betraying the confidence of the firm by which he was employed by plunging, with their funds, into such wild and frivolous speculations as had been indulged in that night. His heart had gone out to Swift the moment he looked into his face, when that gentleman had so politely made known his business to him on State street.

There are times in the lives of most of us when we are strangely and seemingly by some magnetic force attracted to persons, when we foster and cultivate friendships which in after-life bring to us no end of trouble, yet, strange to say, injuring in no way the sincerity and loyalty of that friendship. So it was with Jack. Swift's gentlemanly politeness and companionable mannerisms had won his highest esteem. By virtue of this friendship Jack asked himself if it were not quite his duty as a friend to speak a kindly word of warning into his ear on the morrow, before, perhaps, it was too late, thereby saving him much trouble, and probably disgrace. "I will do it," concluded he in his thoughts. "I am quite sure if my suspicions are correct, I should be, indeed, a poor friend not to speak to him. I think I can find a way of presenting the matter without causing offense. His intelligence will, I know, prevent that, and also in the event I am premature in my conclusions excuse my presumption as well."

Poor Jack! This was but another of his good resolutions that was doomed to stretch out into nothingness when the time arrived in which it should be executed. He was roused from this philanthropic abstraction by the cabman reining up his horses in front of a quiet, modest little cottage, announcing as he did so, the destination of his journey. Jack alighted to the sidewalk, paid and dismissed the cabman. For some moments he stood quietly observing the peaceful little home. He ran over in his mind the kind of excuse he would offer, explanatory of delay in arrival. He knew the straight-laced views of his uncle, and that it would never do to let him know the true and actual cause of his detention.

After some considerable deliberation over the matter he concluded to say that he could not arrange to leave home on the early morning train, and had to remain over for the noon express, which arrives in Chicago at 10 o'clock p. m. He knew some explanation would be expected, as he had wired them that morning he would start on the early train, and, no doubt, they had been anxiously wondering what was keeping him so long from putting in his appearance. His conscience smote him keenly as he contemplated this deliberate falsehood. The lines of the poet,

"Oh, what a fatal web we weave
When first we practice to deceive."

were recalled with forcible effect. "However, after all, it was but for their peace of mind," so, armed with this defense against the reprimand of his conscience, he opened the little gate and ascended the stone steps leading up, terrace like, to the front door of the cottage. He rang the bell, and immediately a light flashed across the hall; the noise of approaching footsteps verified his surmise—the old folks were expecting him, and had remained up awaiting his coming.

Just as Jack had slipped a clove into his mouth to destroy the odor of the liquor upon his breath, the door was opened, and in it stood his Aunt Agatha.

"You dear, wicked boy," she exclaimed, "how you have alarmed us. Whatever on earth has been keeping you? Your Uncle Stephen and I had about given you out. Come right in."

Jack stepped into the hall and kissed his aunt, hurriedly explaining the cause of his delay. Just then a white-haired old man stepped into the hall from an adjoining room and, with extended hand, advanced to greet Jack.

"Welcome, my boy, quite welcome," said he, shaking Jack warmly by the hand. "Agatha and I had imagined all kinds of things as being the probable cause of your delay." At this Jack's aunt lead the way back to the cosy little sitting room.

Stephen Lacy was in comfortable circumstances. He had lived in Chicago forty years. Immediately after the "great fire" he had succeeded rapidly as a contractor and builder in laying by a snug little fortune. He had married early in life; the union, however, being unblessed with children. He had long since retired from the worries and cares of his business, and settled down in quiet seclusion, to enjoy, with his devoted wife, the fruits of his labors.

As Jack entered the quiet little sitting room he was struck with the comfortable, home-like appearnce of all he saw. Everywhere could be descried the hand of the painstaking housewife. Leaning himself back upon the soft cushions of his armchair he answered as fast and as best he could the tirade of questions with which his aunt plied him concerning his parents and home. It had been quite four years since he had seen his aunt and uncle, at which time they had paid his parents a brief visit, consequently there was much to tell, one to the other, of all that had occurred during the time intervening. After about a half hour's chat about the folks at home, Mrs. Lacy excused herself to go and see if Molly, the cook, was arranging to her taste and satisfaction a lunch for her "dear nephew." "Those beastly trains always fag one out completely and makes one as hungry as a wolf," she observed as she left the room.

As the door closed behind her Jack turned to his uncle, finding as he did so that his eyes were riveted upon him in a deep searching gaze.

"So, my boy, you mean to try for a place here in Chicago?" said the old man.

"Yes, uncle, I mean to do my best, and I am sure I shall succeed," replied Jack, confidently, thinking of the position he already had promised to him. He refrained from mentioning anything of this to his uncle, for, by so doing, he would falsify the report he had already given regarding the tardiness of his arrival. At any rate, he thought, his good news would be deferred but a few hours, for, as soon as he could confer with his friend, Mr. Donnelly, in the morning, and the terms of his employment were agreed upon, he would hasten back and tell them of his good fortune.

How different would the life of this unfortunate youth have been had he told that venerable old man before him truthfully all that had really occurred from the time he had alighted from the train unto the hour in which he reached that peaceful home. What had been shrouded in deepest mystery to Jack would have been quite clear to the shrewd old gentleman before him, and Jack would never have sought to look upon the face of Bert Swift, or "Donnelly," again.

Stephen Lacy had not lived in Chicago forty years for nothing; and, during his life, from early manhood on, he had had dealings with all classes of men. He could have enlightened the innocent youth and explained to him certain matters that would have protected him ever in future from the wiles of the professional swindler. The fates, however, had decreed that this should not be, and this wretched lad was doomed to go on down to his ruin, unwarned of the awful future that awaited him. After a few more words with his uncle concerning his school work and plans for the future, his Aunt Agatha re-entered the room, bearing a tray fairly loaded with good things: nice ripe peaches and grapes, cold tongue and ham, the delicious light rolls recalled his mother so vividly that a great lump seemed to lodge in his throat, and it was with an effort that he kept back the tears.

As he sat there sipping his tea and enjoying his aunt's elegant cake and fruit, the conversation was renewed where his aunt had left off upon retiring to prepare his sumptuous repast. They talked on for sometime, Jack eating heartily all the while. He had eaten nothing since his departure from home early that morning, save a few sandwiches, which he had purchased on the train. This, together with the liquor he had imbibed, so freely, during the early portion of the evening had given him a ravenous appetite. Finally, when his meal was finished, he pushed his chair back from the table, and continued talking to his uncle, while his aunt busied herself with the removal of the tray. After this had been accomplished his aunt told him that as it was late and he was no doubt fatigued from his journey, he might retire, that she would postpone further interview concerning the folks at home until morning. So, with a pleasant "Good night" to his uncle he took up his traveling bag and followed his aunt up stairs.

The cosy little room to which she assigned him was comfortable, indeed; pots of lovely flowers had been nicely arranged in the windows, everything showed that special preparations had been made for his pleasure, and his heart swelled with gratitude as he noted these little evidences of love and esteem on the part of his dear aunt.

He was soon in bed, sleeping soundly, dreaming, no doubt, of the strange and unique happenings with which he had been confronted since his arrival in the city.

CHAPTER V.

THE HEARTS OF MEN.

The birds must have awakened Jack the next morning, for, out of consideration for the lateness of the hour in which he retired, his aunt refrained from disturbing him. The breakfast hour had long since passed when he awoke from his slumbers. For some moments he lay quietly observing the objects in the room before his new surroundings recalled to him where he was.

With agility he sprang from the bed and hurriedly dressed himself. At the foot of the stairs sat his Aunt Agatha upon a small settee busily engaged in perusing the morning paper. She arose as Jack descended, and in her motherly way greeted him:

"My dear boy," she said, "you must have been completely fagged out. It is quite 8 o'clock. I knew you were resting well, and was loath to disturb you. Come, I had Molly keep your breakfast warm for you."

"You dear, good old auntie," responded Jack, as they proceeded back to the dining room. "I was, indeed, fatigued somewhat from my journey, and slept like a log. I trust I have not inconvenienced you in your household duties."

"Silly boy; not in the least. I knew a good, long rest would refresh you. Your Uncle Stephen has gone out for his morning walk, so I concluded I would look over the paper till you came down. I have been running over the 'Want Columns,' but find nothing in them you would care to accept. You must have a little patience, my dear child, you know."

"I mean to, auntie," replied Jack, as he proceeded on with his breakfast. "I am convinced I shall be successful. Where one sets his head to anything, it matters not how difficult, by a strong will and determination to succeed, he always accomplishes it."

"That is the right spirit, my dear; never give up. But let us change the subject. Tell me some more about poor sister Alice. How I do wish she could have arranged to come with you."

Throughout his entire breakfast, even unto the moment wherein he kissed her good-bye upon the steps of the door before going to keep his engagement with Swift, Jack entertained his aunt with narratives and details of events at home.

As he walked, with a joyous heart, down the street that beautiful summer's morning on his way to the cab-stand, some three blocks away, he was impressed with the beauty of the dwellings and the peaceful, home-like appearance the residence portion of a city always presents to a stranger's eye upon a summer's morning. The birds seemed to warble sweet notes of love and happiness from the treetops, the flowers in the different yards he passed presented to view the skill of the experienced gardener in arranging them; yet, the birds in the trees, the blooming flowers, nor the soughing of the zephyr-like breezes whispered to him any warning of the awful fate he was hastening to meet.

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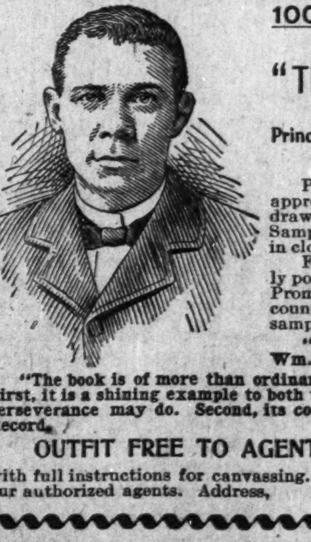

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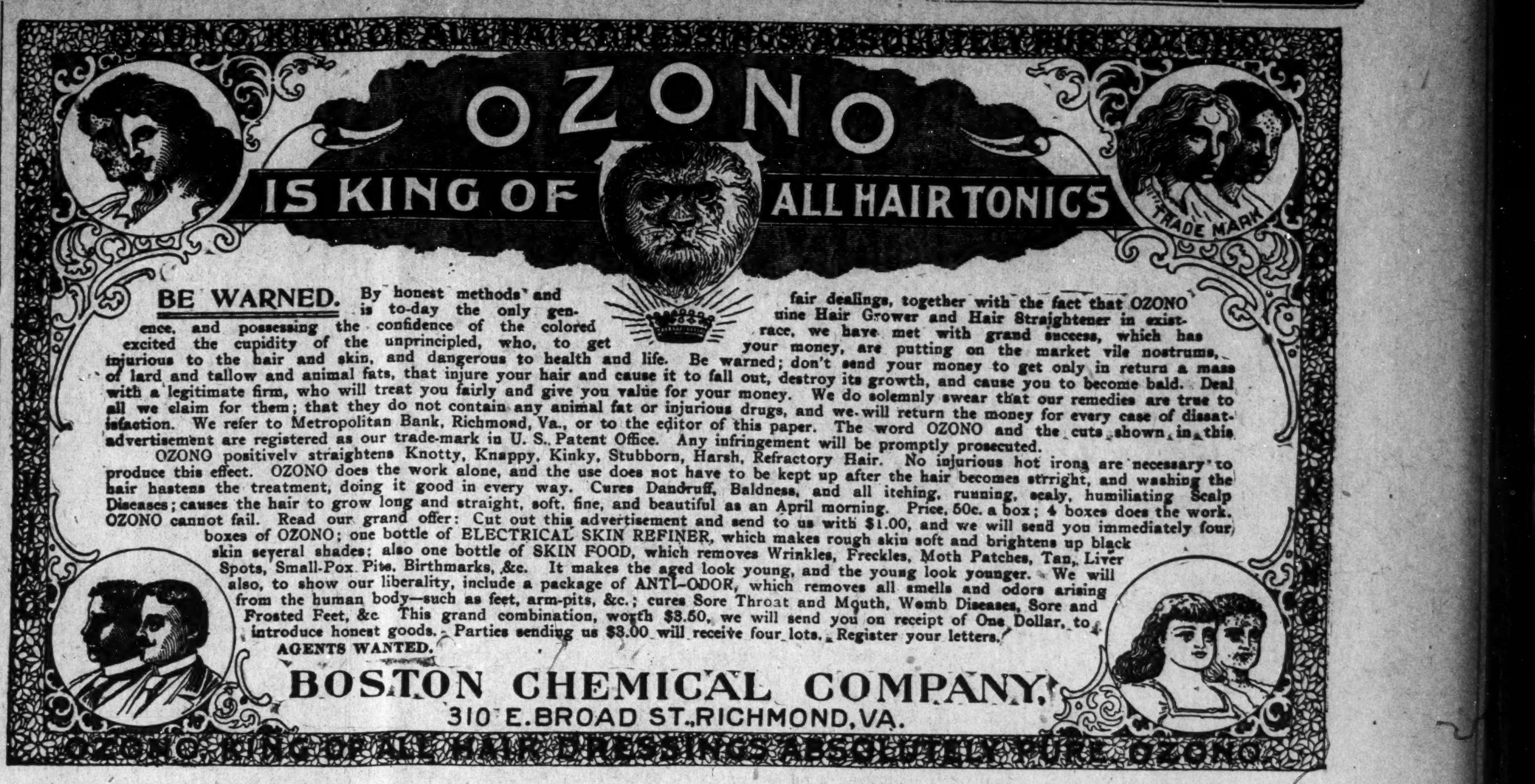
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There are teachers and then there are teachers. Texas Negro teachers, with a few tad-pole exceptions, possess backbone. Recently, in this neck of the woods, a Summer Normal was under full swing and everything was as merry as a marriage bell, when, lo! a white teacher was sent to close up the work by an examination. Every mothers' child of them resented the insult by manly walking out. The fact of the matter was simply this: There are some "white folks niggers" here in Waco who have a very polluted history, and who take spite at their superiors and wreak an underhand vengeance on them whenever the devilish spirit that animates them moves. Their putty brain and gorgeous heart would be greatly surprised if by some accident they could approve one noble thing in their own race. The Negro is working on this recent affair of devilish vengeance against Negro honor, and when the thing is unearthed the writer will be one of the gang to spread burning tar over the living carcass of the contemptable set of yelping pups.

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The Negro is going to camp meetings this time of the year, and of course the race is between heaven and the census enumerator, with the latter far in the lead as to numbers.

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The sap headed lyncher these days straddles the fence on the roadside to talk politics and incidentally to ask how Bryan is running. Of course the Negro Democrats knows that the lyncher is a Democrat, but he does not know that he himself is a dog-gone fool.

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I don't know what the Negro should do to better his condition unless it be after this fashion—"work like blazes, get money, more money and then some more money, and keep on getting money, pay all those debts, accumulate a home, have a front door to it, with a couple of notches properly adjusted so that a Winchester rifle can help furnish the room. Take that reliable piece down occasionally, inspect it, oil and reload it, and keep her loaded. Then go on about your occupation just as though it wasn't there, and you didn't need it. In the meantime keep your eye skinned; serve God, keep the powder dry, pray as often as you did when you got religion, but don't forget your gun. Attend to your own business only; be square, upright and dutiful, respect your fellowman, love your neighbor, but don't loan him your money. Don't let your wife gossip, and don't let gossipers make your home a resort for gossip; it affects the gun and will take the snap out of you. Let the sisters alone, and before God renounce all other women but the one wife. If she doesn't renounce the men then you have a good chance to test the shooting powers of the Winchester. Sometimes the game is not worth the wear and tear on the gun, then resort to the divorce mill; it grinds, they say, exceedingly fine. Keep your mouth shut, don't talk so plagued much unless you are a logician, lawyer or barber. Laugh at seasonable times, incidentally you might find amazing fun by a peep into a mirror and stolid disgust too. Grin never; walk with your shoulders up; hold the head and body steady, but swing the arms. Preserve your health, bathe frequently, and as often as you can polish the shoes. Never wear fine clothes, such extravagance; invites contempt. Don't stand around go some where—never no where. If you have a short neck don't cut your throat with a high collar. If you have a long neck wear a cuff around it, if necessary, it will not be too high for you to look over if you need to use your Winchester. If you have girls in your family you must join a gun club and practice to shoot at live pigeons. This will give you a good aim and steady nerve. The mere reputation of being a good marksman makes a cold chill traverse a fellows spine, possibly a trifle considerate as to whose daughter he hangs around. If you are circumstanced in life and the children are bright, intellectual, educate them to the highest mark on the scale. Sometimes for a bluff go on an extensive trip and take the family, and let them see some of this old world. There'll be money here when you are dead. Keep off the regular spasmodic Sunday excursion, it puts devilment in your head, and it looks ugly. Be ambitious, be selfish and conceited a little bit—all people are. You can be contemptable and then have much more company. Be truthful, but not too much so when it is hurtful and calculated to do great harm. Honesty is always the best policy and goodness the best principle. Carry out these few suggestions and I assure you no one need be blind, deaf, dumb nor crazy, and little need to use the Winchester.

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Tuskegee Notes.

Tuskegee, Ala., Special.—A representative of the South Georgia College visited Tuskagee, last week, for the purpose of studying the industrial system of the school with the view of introducing manual training into that institution. Tqis is a just recognition of Tuskegee's worth as an example.

Our canning factory, operated during vacation, has already canned 4,000 gallons of blackberries, 1,200 gallons of peaches, besides a number of cans of peas, grapes, tomatoes, corn and okra.

The Shinsin of Wheelwrighting, last year, constructed twenty-five wagons, ranging in price from $45 to $50; two dump carts, five buggies, ranging in price from $75 to $100; one trap, three hand-carts, four wheel-barrows and did a great deal of repair work.

Spicy News.

Martinsville, Ind., Special.—Miss Flora Scott, who, for several weeks, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Evans, returned, on Sunday, to her home in Bloomington.

The Misses Hood have returned from a visit of three weeks with friends in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Theo Godley, who, for four weeks, has been taking treatment in this city, returned, on Saturday morning to her home in Greensburg feeling very much benefitted by the baths.

The colored people of this city met, on Sunday afternoon, at the M. E. Church, for the purpose of organizing a colored Sunday school, and, considering the unfavorable weather, the attendance was very encouraging.

On Thursday evening, Aug. 9, Mrs. Titus Mitchell entertained at her house, on South Ohio street, in honor of Mrs. Theo. Godley. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Clark, Mr. Watkins and Miss Agnes Grooves, Mr. Warner and Miss Gertrude Hudson, Miss Harriet M. Clark, Messrs. Boon and Brown, while Mrs. Theo. Godley, the guest of honor, was beautifully dressed in a lovely gown of pink crepon with black lace and velvet trimmings. Miss Bennetta Saunders presided at the punch bowl. Until 11 o'clock the time was spent in different amusements, when the refreshments were served. At 12 o'clock the guests departed, all satisfied that the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Titus Mitchell, had proved themselves charming entertainers. The out of town guests were Mrs. Theo. Godley, of Greensburg; Mr. Warner and Mr. Watkins, of Indianapolis. Mr. Fred Clark is still visiting in Monrovia, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brooks. Miss Agnes Grooves, who has been on the sick list, is improving. Mr. Shorty Nurse has returned from a short stay in Indianapolis. The home of Mr. Chas. Robinson, the poultry dealer, will be a beautiful structure when completed.

Oakland News.

Oakland, Cal., Special.—Politics seem to be the prevailing thought here at present. While noting the colored business enterprises of the city we called at the "West End Chop House," at 1726 7th street. Mr. J. B. Vance is its manager. Mr. Vance is well versed in the culinary art, and does not fail to satisfy all patrons. A great number of the colored citizens of the city attended the Afro-American State League of California, which convened at San Jose the 9th inst. A number of colored local stage actors were engaged with the "Uncle Tom's Cabin Company" here last week. Subscribe for the FREEMAN. P. W. Barnett, representative, 808 Jefferson street.

Chicago Snap Shots.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—Mr. Stark of 157 Clark street, has gone to Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. R. Weaver of 70 Walton Place, are spending a week in Benton Harbor, Mich. North Star Tabernacle No. 102 Daughters of Labor will give their first entertainment and public installation at 601 Wells street, Sept. 13. Miss Emma Williams is visiting friends and relatives in Paris, Ill. Godfry Commandry No. 5 and St. George No. 4 have gone to Rock Island, Ill., to attend the annual conclave. Miss Susie Brown and Mrs. Taylor are visiting their old homestead in Henderson, Ky. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Childress, of 6025 Prairie avenue, entertained a large number of friends on the 14th inst. The following officials were elected by the District Grand Lodge of the G. U. O. of O. F. at Quincy, on the 9th inst.: Frank Rollins, of Chicago, Grand Master; C. S. Smith, of Paris, Grand Secretary; Howard Bell, of Chicago, Grand Treasurer; Calvin Ricks, of Centralia, Grand Director; B. F. Moseley, of Englewood, Attorney. The following persons are on the sick list: Mrs. Calvert, Mr. Stone, Mr. J. Palmer and Mr. J. Kirk. You will find the FREEMAN on sale at the following places: J. K. Polk's barber shop, 110 E. Harrison street; G. G. Groves' barber shop, 65 Wendell street; C. Hughes' Laundry, 135 N. Clark St.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—Miss Miranda Shirter, daughter of one of the leading colored merchants, is visiting her sister in Helena, Ark. Prof. Batt is all smiles now over a new arrival which is a little girl. St. Paul A. M. E. Sunday school is progressing rapidly under the management of its new Superintendent, Mr. John H. Adams. Subscribe for the Freeman, the oldest and best colored journal published. George Gibson agent, 506 South High street. Miss Hattie Jackson, of 707 Lee Ave., has returned from Hartsville after a few weeks stay. Prof. John I. Watson and daughter, have gone to Paris, Tenn., to visit relatives. Mr. Ed. Worth, one of Nashville's oldest and most influential citizens, is quite low with fever. Prof. Sumner, one of the leading colored teachers of Nashville is also quite ill. Rev. Chapelle, who is now manager of the A. M. E. Publishing House, went to his home in South Carolina a few weeks ago on a business trip but has now returned. Dr. Baker, one of the leading physicians, of Nashville, has gone to Chicago on a pleasure trip. Miss Annie Gregg, of Maple St., is visiting relatives in St. Louis, Mo. The Spruce street Baptist choir gave a concert in Clarksville last week. The trip proved to be quite a success as well as one of great pleasure.

Interesting Comments.

Waco, Texas, special: The Freeman, a paper, no matter how long it has been published, yet it is not stale news to peruse it, since it is a journalistic history. It is read over and over and still admired. This grand journal will cost you but $1 per year till Aug. 16, or three months for 25 cents. W. H. Lewis is your agent for Waco, and has the paper on sale every Saturday at the Diamond Pharmacy drug store, 102 E. S. Square. * * Waco is full of doctors and other professional colored men, yet they don't show their race pride. They always want to borrow a copy of The Freeman from the agent, but never offer to buy one. Why not be as Messrs. James Grant, Knoxson, Miss M. A. Cobbs, Mr. Bluitt, the head waiter at State House and his side waiters—that is, buy The Freeman? * * Mr. Geo. W. Lambert, of 3007 Dearborn street, Chicago, was in the city last week and purchased a copy of The Freeman. He says of all the Negro papers his choice is The Freeman. * * It is hoped the Afro-Americans will send in to the Legislature a protest for better accommodation on all Texas railroads. It is ridiculous the way our ladies have to fare riding in Texas. Yet she is the star. * * While talking with a certain gentleman of Waco about newspapers he asked me when did I expect to be successful with a foreign paper since Texas has so many right here at the people. I told him just as soon as the people learned what race pride was, and that a paper could have interesting and important news in it without hunting in the dark doings of the colored man—such as robbery, cut throats, whipping women, etc. Then our foreign journals would be more successful in Texas. He says: Very true; give me a copy of The Freeman and leave one for me every Saturday at Ed. Bradley's store, 118 Bridge street. Tell a man of his faults. Be sure you're right; then go ahead.

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Clarksville, Tenn., special: The city election was held in the city on Aug. 2, in which 'Squire J. W. Wheeler was defeated for the office of justice of the peace, and Messrs. William Keesee, John Rogers and Jerry Proudy were defeated for the office of constable. Owing to a "split" in the ranks of the G. O. P. a discord was produced, which caused the defeat of the colored candidates, who were forced to the wall and compelled to yield to the overwhelming majority of votes of their opponents, (white). * * Misses Mary Boyd and Fannie Hopewell will teach again at the public schools this season. * * Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill are the possessors of a bouncing baby girl, which arrived in the city Wednesday, Aug. 1. * * Mr. William Boyd, father of the late Hon. G. Q. Boyd, is on the mend from his severe illness. * * Mr. Bailey Cobb left for Palmyra on Aug. 4 to spend a few days with friends. * * The Twentieth Century Club, composed of the cream of the elite society, gave a grand reception at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Saunders Aug. 3. Everybody present enjoyed themselves and heartily congratulated the host and hostess for this rare treat. * * Misses Kate Rainey and Fanny Hopewell departed for Good Hope, Tenn., July 31, to spend a few days of recreation viewing the picturesque scenes of the rural districts. * * Mrs. Hurvey Cobb left for Port Royal, Tenn., Aug. 2, to visit friends. * * Messrs. J. P. Steele and G. W. White have opened up a barber shop on First street, one door north of their old stand. * * Mr. Jerry B. Cobb, of this city, who went from St. Louis, Mo., to Indian Territory to wed a squaw, is reported to be doing well.

Northern Michigan Excursions To Traverse City, Petoskey, Mackinac Island via Pennsylvania Lines.

The dates for the low rate excursion to Northern Michigan via Pennsylvania Lines are August 30th, September 6th, and 8th. On those dates excursion tickets to Traverse City, Petoskey and Mackinac Island may be obtained. The return limit will include thirty days from date on which tickets are sold.

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..CITY NOTES..

The wife of the Rev. J. L. Craven is ill.

Miss Edna Anderson, of Cleveland, will visit the city soon.

G. L. Knox addressed a political club at Anderson, Monday night.

Miss Marillia Bradbury has gone to Greencastle, Ind., this week on business.

Dr and Mrs. W. E. Brown are visiting in Kentucky. They will return Aug. 27.

Mrs. Cora Jackson and son Harry spent last Sunday in Dayton, O., with friends.

Eddie Smith, of Richmond, is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Slaughter, at Irvington.

Miss Edna Douglass, of Muncie, is visiting Mrs. Hattie Porter, 433 Hiawatha street.

Rev. A. L. Murray, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church, Chicago, was in the city Monday.

Come and go to the outing given by the barbers at Greenwood Park, Monday, Aug. 27, 1900.

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Wm. Miller, of the Grand barber shop, and W. Allison Sweeney, custodian of Tomlinson Hall, were in Chicago this week.

Miss Eva Johnson in Agnes street entertained a small party at 6 o'clock dinner Monday evening in honor of Rev. Wm. Craven.

Come and be happy. Forget the cares of business for one day and join the barbers outing at Greenwood Park, Monday, Aug. 27, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gentry, of 727 W. 11th street, will leave Saturday for Chicago to attend the G. A. R. They will be the guest of his brother while there.

The management of the summer outing given by the barbers is in the hands of our genial William Miller, whose name alone will insure you a grand time at Greenwood Park, Monday, Aug. 27, 1900.

Wm. H. Mayo, business manager of the Bugle Publishing Co. of Frankfort, Ky., was a pleasant caller Monday, leaving for Chicago the same night for a week's stay.

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Mrs. Stella Fisher-Wright, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Mrs. Quinn, of Elizabethtown, Ky., are visiting Mrs. Bern Fisher, in 10th street.

Miss Ethel Miller Baker, of Cythiana, Ky., who has been visiting Mrs. Ella Dent and family for the past three weeks, will return home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bern Fisher entertained at dinner, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Mayo, of Frankfort, Ky.. Mrs. Wayne's guests, Mrs. Stella Wright, of Niagara Falls, Mrs. Quinn, of Kentucky, and Mr. Julius Cox.

Charles R. Parker, the Freeman representative, with the big show, Chas. Furber, Milton Graves Hilliard Brewer, Wm. Dixon, Ed. L. Anderson. James R. Brown and John Rucker, members of Rusco & Holland Big Minstrel Festival, were Freeman callers this week.

The Afro-American Council banquet will be on the 30th of August instead of the 31st. Invitations may be exchanged for tickets at the door, or may be secured at any time from committee, W. E. Henderson, William M Lewis, Lillian Thomas, treasurer, Dr. W. E. Brown, and Dr. S. A. Furniss,

Miss Nellie McClendon and brother John, of Chattanooga, Tenn., who were visiting their cousin, Agnes Booth, on Roanoke street, were called home by the death of their brother James.

The Woman's Club, Mrs. Roxie Dixon president, will give a reception at Odd Fellows' Hall, Friday, Aug. 31, from 8 to 8 p m., in the honor of delegates to the Afro-American Council. Arrangements indicate one of the most pretentious functions during the national convention.

Free Baptist church (corner Rhode Island and Newport streets) Rev. Craven preached his farewell sermon Sunday evening, with regret we permitted his departure. The members tendered an informal reception to Rev. Craven, Monday evening. He departed for Mt. Vernon, Tuesday morning. Services as usual. The S. S. gives a "Musical" Sept. 4, at the church.

The Afro-American Press Association will meet at Bethel A. M. E. Church, Monday, August 27. A large attendance of newspaper men are expected.

President—Cyrus Field Adams, "The Appeal," Chicago, Ill.

Vice President—J. E. Bruce, "Bruce-Grit," Albany, N. Y.

Treasurer—W. H. Steward, "American Baptist," Louisville, Ky.

Secretary—J. R. Clifford, "Pioneer Press," Martinsburg, W. Va.

Major R. R. Wright of College, Ga., is in this city. He will be here for several days taking in the Afro-American Council and the Press Conventions. Major Wright is one of the most distinguished Negroes of the United States. He was a pay master of the U. S. army, acting during the late war with Spain, as a citizen he is further distinguished as the president of the Georgia State Industrial College. Major Wright is a man of excellent parts, modest in his bearing, wearing his degrees with that ease that marks the man of understanding.

Notice.

The colored Alpha Lodge No. 1, I. B. P. O. E. of W., have moved to their new hall 414 West Sixth street Cincinnati, O., brother Jno. L. Hill will take great pleasure in showing all visiting brothers to their new hall. This Lodge will give a grand outing next month would like for all colored Elks to be present.

Jones' Tabernacle A. M. E. Zion Church.

Rev. A. Wakefield pastor. Preaching Sunday 11 a. m., and 8 p. m., by the Presiding Elder. Sunday School at 2:30 p. m, our last quarterly meeting will be held. All pastors and their congregations are invited. We hope that the "Big Four" Union that has existed for the last six years will not die out. We shall expect all the friends that have always been with us in all our quarterly meetings to be with us on Sunday. Rev. E. L. Gilliam pastor Simpson Chapel M. E. church will preach the Sacremental sermon. Friday night general class: "Love Feast" Monday night. Don't forget the great Connectional Conference which meets on Sept. 3. A grand reception will be tendered the Bishops and general officers on Tuesday Sept. 4. To which all are invited. See program in next weeks issue. The Lawn Fete given by the "Young Ladies Occasia Club" at Mrs. Maud Sheltons, on Tuesday night was a success. "The Ladies Socal Club" was entertained Thursday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Bettie Ward 530 N. Missouri street. The "Ladies Social Club" will meet at the residence of Mrs. Anna Stevenson 1010 St. Peter street next Thursday afternoon at 3 p. m. Mrs. A Gibbs, of St. Louis, Mo., is the guest of Rev. A. Wakefield and wife.

Death of Mrs. Bishop Grant Succombs to a Brief Illness

The death of the wife of Bishop Abraham Grant, Bishop of the A. M. E. church for the Fourth Episcopal District, occurred at Atlantic City, New Jersey, where she had been spending the summer, Tuesday Aug. 21. The Bishop's home for several year has been at Philadelphia and on Thursday of last week Mrs. Grant accompanied her husband as far as that point, on his trip to Indianapolis. She was in her usual state of health and news of her illness which reached the Bishop Sunday at this city was a surprise. She grew steadily worse however, and died before her husband could reach her bedside. The bereavement falls with especial weight upon this church and community where Bishop Grant has purchased property and had planned to make his future home. Several of the city churches, regardless of denomination wired their condolence and Bethel A. M. E church, sent the Rev. C. W. Newton as a personal bearer of its message of condolence. The funeral details which had not been completed up to the time of going to press will be published in full in our next issue.

The Stage

(Continued from 5th Page.)

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Pittsburg News.

Pittsburg, Pa., Special.—Mrs. Isaac L. Oates the fashionable dress maker of 8½ Townsend street, Pittsburg, Pa., left for Atlantic City the 16th, for two weeks visit of the principal cities in the East. Miss Maggie Lee left Tuesday to visit her moher. Joseph Evans, represent The Freeman in Pittsburg, Pa, reguests that all subscribers make a full statement by the 1st. of Sept.

Interesting Notes.

Muncie, Ind., special: Mr. William Adams has returned from Missouri, where he has been spending several weeks. * * Miss Edna Douglas and Miss Cora Means are visiting in Indianapolis for a few weeks. * * An "At Home" was given at the home of Miss Nettye Pierson Wednesday afternoon, from 2 until 5 o'clock, in honor of Miss Ida Watkins, of Anderson. The young ladies enjoyed themselves very highly. A contest consisting of jumbled letters from which the names of flowers were procured. Prizes were given to the persons succeeding in securing the most and least names from the list. First prize was awarded Miss Mayme Robbins, and the booby prize awarded Miss Ida Watkins. * * Wednesday evening a party was given in honor of Miss Watkins by Misses Edna Douglass and Cora Means, at the former's residence. Quite a crowd of young ladies and gentlemen enjoyed the evening. * * Friday evening another party in Miss Watkins's honor was given by Miss Pearl Davis. Everything passed off very nice and the crowd was favored with music rendered by Mr. Hudson, Mr. Will Tyre and others. * * Mr. Hudson, a member of the Newsboys' Quintette, left Saturday evening for St. Louis. The quintette filled an engagement in high class vaudeville at Wysor Grand during fair week. Mr. Hudson intends visiting our city in a few months, the guest of Mr. Grant Frazier. * * Miss Ida Watkins left Sunday evening for her home in Anderson. * * Mr. and Mrs. Willis, of Indianapolis, spent Sunday with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Willis, of South Hackley street. * * Mr. Sylvania Benson spent Sunday in Indianapolis. * * Miss Bertha Reid, of Indianapolis, spent Sunday with Miss Bertha Davenport. * * Miss Jennie Raymond spent Sunday in Indianapolis. * * Mr. Will Montgomery, of Anderson, spent a few hours in our city and returned home in company with Miss Ida Watkins. * * Emancipation, Sept. 22, is to be celebrated here by the Odd Fellows. The Patriarchs from Springfield, Cincinanti, O., Anderson, Marion and Indianapolis, Ind., are invited. An immense crowd is expected. * * Miss Annie Lewis entertained company during fair week. * * Quite a large crowd witnessed the public installation at Masonic Hall Monday night, after which the usual festivities were enjoyed.

News Notes.

Frankfort, Ind., special: Mrs. Mack Wheeler was at the lake last Sunday. * * Mr. David Valentine has been ill. * * Miss Flora Harper has gone to Indianapolis to visit Miss Mable Brown. * * Remember The Freeman—a leading paper of the race. * * Mr. David Mitchell spent Sunday at Lake Maxinkuckee. * * Mrs Lewis and Joe Valentine were in Frankfort, Ind., visiting friends last week. * * A party was given at the home of Mrs. Theodore Valentine last Thursday evening. * * Mrs. J. M. Hogan was in the city last week with an Uncle Tom's Cabin Company. * * Mr. "Shin" Woodfork defeated Robert Fanning last Tuesday evening in a glove contest. Mr. Woodfork is the champion of this city. * * A lawn social was given at the home of Mrs. Lindsey and Mrs. Weaver last Thursday evening. Everybody spent an enjoyable evening. * * Mr. Theodore Valentine's brother was in the city last week. * * A lawn party was given at the home of Mrs. Robert Fanning last Tuesday. * * Mr. Clyde Radcliff has gone to Tucolla, Ill., to visit his sister, Mrs. Maud Harper.

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Interesting Comments.

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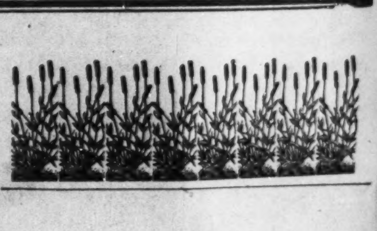

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